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&c

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PREFACE

The first edition of this book, published in 1898, while far from complete, at least made permanently available not only my own labors but those of others who had preceded me.

This publication naturally brought to me a mass of data which should have been in the first book. My own further investigations were richly rewarded, especially in the very early part of the history: a little by little, as time has passed, missing links, here & there, have been found & inserted.

Mr. Elijah Bingham (4546) must here receive credit for his extensive labors in collecting family data. He worked independently of D.H. Bingham (41860); but they frequently exchanged notes & the work of the former has been incorporated in these pages through the courtesy of Mr. F.H. Mather of Albany, N.Y., who had them from Elijah's daughter, Mrs. Roland D. Noble of Cleveland, O. Mr. Mather is, himself, a learned & accomplished genealogist.

A considerable number of valuable data were received from Mr. Eli Bingham (101810) of Wellston, O. ~~Mr. Eli Bingham of Pensacola, Fla. furnished an unusually full &~~

Mr. F.F. Bingham of Pensacola, Fla. furnished an unusually full & entertaining history of his branch (33 453 461).

But the compiler owes a special mention & acknowledgment of the labors of Mr. William T. Bingham (492880) - as well in searching for & finding a lost & important branch, as in correcting & filling out what had already been compiled - & particularly for his unflinching generosity in communicating information. He was specially industrious & successful in the history of the "early fathers", which is so important to determine before it is too late.

In addition to those mentioned in the preface to the 1898 edition, the compiler returns sincere thanks to the following:

Mr. J.H. Benton, Pension Office, Washington, D.C.
Rev. Hiram Bingham, D.D., Honolulu, Sandwich Isl. (12455)
Mrs. John W. Holcombe, 79 Spring St., Hartford, Conn.
Mr. Moses W. Sater, Boston, Mass.
Rev. Charles M. Bingham, Daytona, Fla. (442422)

In spite of its considerable size, the record of the family is, still, far from complete.

The compiler has been greatly pleased at the success of his system of record. Frequent reference to these records, in order to answer inquiries, has proved the excellence of the system adopted. It is not as compact nor economical to print, as other systems are; but it is much superior in simplicity, clearness & ease of reference. It is, in fact, a card-index system.

PREFACE
to edition of
1898

The compiler of this partial genealogy came into possession of a few notes regarding his immediate family before 1879 & endeavored to straighten them out & fill up the gaps. As all genealogists know, such gap-filling brings in other notes containing other gaps & so ad infinitum. Fifteen years passed & these notes had grown to considerable dimensions. They were founded on correct family records corroborated, as regards the writer's own family, by all the necessary tombstones & based, in collateral branches, on Calkins, Hinman, Savage, Phillips & similar sources.

It was the compiler's good fortune to be in Sheffield, England, in February, 1894; & to find records which, in his opinion (the argument comes later), establish beyond doubt that

1. It is impossible to connect the Norwich, Conn., Bingham with any noble family or landed gentry subsequent to 1550 A.D., or with Irish families of that date.
2. Thomas Bingham, who was one of the original proprietors of Norwich, came of a father well-to-do in the world & quite able to buy his 18-year-old son a share in that colony.

The compiler had concluded to stop his investigations & print his notes when, by a peculiar chain of circumstances, he gained sight of the extensive labors of three others in this field.

1. William L. Weaver's notes on the family genealogy, published in the Willimantic Journal, July, August & September, 1863.
2. D.H. Bingham's papers (41860), never finally arranged nor completed. These had long been known to be voluminous & valuable, but had proved an unhis return until, by the help of Mr. Febina Mosca, of Washington, finally discovered to be in the possession of D.H. Bingham's grandson, Capt. W.H. Miller, Quartermasters' Dept., U.S. Army (permanent address, care of G.M. General U.S. Army, Washington, D.C.).
3. The papers of Walter F. Bingham (442525) (now dead, but living in February, 1895, at 1529 Green St., Phila.). These were very voluminous & valuable, quite complete & practically ready for publication. These papers were based on D.H. Bingham's work, & are also in possession of Capt. Miller.

After looking over these extensive manuscripts, the compiler concluded to complete his work on his own lines, regarding his method of arrangement & numbering the clearest & easiest for reference yet encountered by him; but filling out & completing his own independently discovered & verified data from the three sources mentioned just above. Each of these sources, in the order named, is evidently based on the preceding, & all have been "diligently revised & compared" by the compiler with particular reference to the "early fathers" & somewhat, also, for collateral branches, into which, however, the compiler never intended to go very deeply.

The compiler has intended, when possible, always to quote his source of information. What is given on his own authority he believes

will always prove true; & he has been very careful to separate what he knew from what he thought he knew.

As regards the first Thomas mentioned, as shown by records, as living in Sheffield, England, in 1614, further investigation of records of the Cutlers' Company, of St. Peter's Church & of Wills (at Wakefield), would undoubtedly open up authentic history for from 50 to 100 years farther back; & the writer hopes some of the family will be enough interested in the matter to do this, now that a firm basis has been established by him for such investigation.

The compiler returns hearty thanks to all who have assisted him in this compilation; & more particularly to

Mrs. H. S. Bingham, Bennington, Vt.

Mrs. Chas. Hill, Morristown, Vt.

Mrs. Frank Trumbull, Denver, Col.

Mr. Zebina Moses, Washington, D.C.

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Miss Josephine W. Bingham, Windham, Conn.

Col. Robert Bingham, Asheville, N.C.

THE TRACING OF GENEALOGIES IN GENERAL.

Extract from "Handbook of Heraldry" by John E. Cussans, London, Chatto & Windus, 1882.

Page 284 - The records in the family Bible or other documents of a similar nature will usually give two or three generations; beyond these reference must be made to parochial & other local registers & wills. The latter frequently supply a valuable clue to collateral branches of the family.

Note by T.A.P. - Wills in England are to be found at Somerset House, London; at Peterborough, York, Durham; & for Sheffield, Yorkshire, at the Deanery of Doncaster.

Old numbers of "The Annual Register" & "Gentleman's Magazine" (England), Army lists, College registers (England & America) will also, in many instances, be found of great service.

It would also be advisable to ascertain at the College of Heralds what records, if any, are there to be found.

If the pedigree can be traced up to the middle of the 17th century & the family were, at that time, entitled to armorial bearings, the Visitations of the Heralds may carry it three generations higher or more.

In England, county histories, documents in the Public Record Office, particularly Subsidy Rolls (for in them will be found the name of every householder assessed) &, in some cases, Municipal Archives & Monastic Charters must now be carefully & patiently examined; the genealogist bearing in mind that no reliance can be placed on the orthography of proper names, either of persons or places.

The real labor now commences; & unless the family were, during the 15th century, either noble or landed proprietors, further research is almost useless.

Except in a few rare instances, it is utterly impossible to trace a pedigree beyond the time of Richard the Second, 1381-1399; & those persons who assert that their ancestors "came over with the conqueror" derive their authority chiefly, if not wholly, from tradition or their own imagination.

For the same reason that it is difficult for such persons to prove their assertion, it is equally difficult to refute it.

Nothing is more common than for a person bearing a certain name to imagine that he is necessarily connected with another family of the same name.

LIST OF AUTHORITIES ON WHICH THIS GENEALOGY IS BASED.

1. Personal examination of records in Sheffield, England, February 20, 1894.
2. "Notes on Wincham" by William L. Weaver. The manuscript is in the Conn. Histor. Soc. at Hartford. They were printed in the Williamian Journal, July, -September, 1883, copy in D.H. Bingham's papers.

They were intended as part of a History of Windham, never completed, of which town Weaver was a resident. A son, Thomas S. Weaver, is an editor of the Hartford Courant (May, 1896). This is without doubt the best foundation for the family genealogy in existence, as it is fully based on deeds, wills, &c.

3. Genealogical papers of D.H. Bingham in possession of his grandson, Capt. W.H. Miller, U.S. Dept., U.S. Army.
4. Genealogical papers of Walter F. Bingham, very complete, based on the above two sources & in possession of the same Capt. Miller.
5. Old Houses of the Ancient Town of Norwich, 1650-1800, by Mary E. Perkins, Norwich, Conn., 1895. This book states that the original American Thomas came with his mother to Saybrook first--a tradition mentioned by Weaver.
5. Tombstone Inscriptions.
7. History of Norwich, Conn., U.S., from its possessions by the Indians to 1866, by Miss F.M. Caulkins.
8. Puritan Settlers of Connecticut, by Hinman; published by Tiffany & Co., Hartford, 1825. The facts & dates down to & including the children of Stephen Bingham (12), are given by Hinman as from Windham records.
9. Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England.
10. New England Historical & Genealogical Register, of Boston.
11. History of Ancient Windsor, by Dr. Henry R. Stiles, pub. 1859 by Chas. D. Norton, of New York.
12. History of Tolland Co., by J.R. Cole, 1886, N.Y., W.W. Preston & Co.
13. History of Windham Co., Conn., by Miss Larned.
14. Playfair's Family Antiquities, edit. 1810, Vol. 4.
15. Colonial Records of Connecticut.
16. Revolutionary Roster of Connecticut.
17. Record of Connecticut men in the Revolution, printed by the State.
18. Hyde genealogy, Foote genealogy,
19. Moses genealogy, by Zebina Moses, Hartford, 1890, Case, Lockwood & Prainard.
20. Muster & Pay Rolls of French & Indian War, State Library, Hartford.
21. Family Bibles & Records.
22. Randall's History of Chesterfield, N.H. 1882.
23. Hayward's History of Gilsam, N.H.
24. Old Families of Norwich, by Mary E. Perkins.
25. Early Connecticut marriages, by Fred. W. Bailey.
26. Child's History of Canton Co., N.H.
27. History of Manchester, N.H.
28. Nath. Goodwin's Genealogical Notes on First Settlers.
29. Town & Church records, by Mrs. Susan W. Dimock.

Since 1898

30. Every published genealogy that could be found in the libraries of Congress, Chicago, New York & all large cities.
31. Land & Probate records of

Norwich, Conn.

Andover, Conn.

New London, Conn.

Windham, Conn.

Newport, R.I.

Lebanon, Conn.

32. Memoirs of the Bingleys - by Rose E. McCalmont, edited by
C.R.B. Barrett. Published by Spottiswoode & Co., Limited,
London, 1915

ORIGIN OF THE NAME BINGHAM

Extracts from "Words & Places" by Isaac Taylor, M.A., Vicar of Holy Trinity, Twickenham, 3d edit., Macmillan & Co., London, 1873.
 p.81. The suffix "ham", which is very frequent in English names, appears
 p.82. in two forms in Anglo-Saxon documents.

One of these, "hām" signifies an enclosure, that which hems in - a meaning not very different from that of fen or worth. These words express the feeling of reverence for private right, but hām involves a notion more mystical, more holy. It expresses the sanctity of the family bond: it is the Home, the one secret (heim) & sacred place. In the Anglo-Saxon charters we frequently find this suffix united with the names of families - never with those of individuals. This word, as well as the feeling of which it is the symbol, was brought across the ocean by the Teutonic colonists & it is the sign of the most precious of all the gifts for which we thank them. It may indeed be said, without exaggeration, that the universal prevalence, throughout England, of names containing this word Home, gives us the clue to the real strength of the national character of the Anglo-Saxon race. What a world of inner difference there is between the English word home & the French phrase chez nous! It was this supreme reverence for the sanctities of domestic life which gave to the Teutonic nations the power of breathing a new life into the dead bones of Roman civilization.

Cognate with hām (not ham), is the German heim, home, which enters so largely into the names of Southern Germany.

Hām, for the most part, is the source of the Frisian suffix um, which fringes the coast line of Hannover & Oldenburg. It should be noted, however, that the suffix um is sometimes only the sign of the dative plural.

The most important element which enters into Anglo-Saxon names yet remains to be considered. This is the syllable ing. It occurs 6
 p.83. in the names of more than one-tenth of the whole number of English villages & hamlets, often as a simple suffix, as in the case of Dorking, Hastings, &c.; but, more frequently, we find that it forms the medial syllable of the name, as in the case of Buckingham.

The syllable ing was the usual Anglo-Saxon patronymic. Thus we read in the Saxon Chronicle (A.D. 547)

Ida was Eopping or Ida was Eoppa's son.
 Eppu was Esing or Eoppa was Es's son.

In fact the suffix ing, in the names of persons, had very much the same significance as the prefix Mac in Scotland, or O' in Ireland &c.

p.85. Speaking of the numbers of places where various family names of ancient origin are to be found, this book further says:

"The Aescings, the royal race of Kent, are likewise found in thirteen places. The Cyllings & the Wealings are found in twelve places; ---- the Fennings, the Boddings -- in five."

p.90. We find that ing is never a mere suffix: in every case it forms the medial syllable of the name.

- p.100. The evidence is overwhelming. It proves that the villages of Württemberg & the villages of England were originally settled by men bearing the same family names.
- p.101. These Swabian names terminate almost universally in -en. The suffix en is usually the sign of the dative plural. Thus Birlingen would mean "at the Birlings", that is, at the place where the family of "Birl" (or Birling?) lives. -----
- (Note - ? - Thus Bingen (on the Rhine) would mean "at the Bings"; that is, at the place where the family of "Bing" lives. T.A.B.)
- p.101. ----- & it is therefore a question whether the ingen of Württemberg is not the same as the ingen of England, since we can trace it through the intermediate stages of ingen & ing-hem.
- p.102. The Swabians & Angles of Württemberg may possibly have formed one of the transported colonies of Charlemagne; if, indeed, the Swabian colony was not a settlement brought about at the same time & by the same causes that produced the descents upon the English coast.
- p.328. Ing: Anglo-Saxon; a meadow - a.d., Ingham.
- p.332. Hain: Germany. }
Ham: England. } a home, a.d. Buckingham.
Hen: Picardy. }
Un: Friesland }
- p.334. Ing: England. } sons of, a.d. Reading, Tübingen.
Ingen: Germany. }

In the opening of Sir Walter Scott's "Castle Dangerous" it says: "Inga or riat plains by the sides of the brooks & rivers," termed, farther north, "holms". (Compare "Ing" just above. - T.A.B.)

It appears also that "Bing" is still a Danish family name.

ORIGIN OF THE BINGHAMS IN ENGLAND & MEDIEVAL BINGHAMS

From the foregoing it seems reasonable to believe that the Bingham were an Anglo-Saxon family.

From what follows it will be seen that the original Bingham probably utterly disappeared & that the Bingham, everywhere, for several hundred years past, are probably descendants of Normans, who, after the Conquest, assumed the name from the old Saxon estate, into the possession of which they came by feudal favor. This would account for the tradition of a French origin of the Bingham family, which I have encountered in correspondence.

After the publication of the book "Bingham & other Genealogical

ORIGIN OF THE BINGHAMS IN ENGLAND

MEDIAEVAL BINGHAMS

From the foregoing it seems reasonable to believe that there were no "Binghams" in England before the Norman Conquest in 1066.

There was a well known place called "Bing-ham", which was the home of the Bings or Byngs, which name of a family still exists in England & Denmark.

After the Conquest, Normans held Bingham Lordship; & those of them who held Bingham Manor & its estates, took the name de Bingham from the place. This would account for the persistent tradition that the family was of French origin.

The "origin" of the Bingham in England can be summarized as follows:

There are two distinct "tribes" of them, both Norman.

The first "tribe" was founded by a feudal subordinate of De Buisli, a great Norman lord who, in 1066, obtained the Lordship of Pingham, as well as estates all over England, including lands at Sutton in Somerset.

This man took the name & he, or some one of his family, is of record as John de Pingham, holding Sutton.

This first "tribe" held Pingham until some years after 1200, when the Manor & estates were again "in the hands of the king".

From this first tribe, records show the development of the Bingham of Sutton, Somerset;

of Bingham-Welcombe, Dorset;

of the Irish noblemen, Earls of Lucan, Barons Clannorris & of County Mayo, Ireland;

all of the present day.

This is almost sufficiently proved by armorial bearings alone.

Note that the above First "tribe" of Bingham lost all ^{connection} with Bingham Manor as above related.

Next, it is of record that, in 1266, Bingham Manor & its estates again left "the hands of the king" & came into possession of another Norman, from Nottingham town, named Boug or Bugge, who promptly took the name Pingham, as did his sons, who soon appear in the records as Pingham of Carcolston; Pingham of Lake; & of Einalton;

all estates belonging to the property

This second "tribe" of Bingham, as will be seen in this book later, are easily followed by records & by armorial bearings, quite different from those of the first "tribe"; & they held possession of the various estates until they lost them, about 1400, owing to lack of issue or submergence by marriage of daughters.

So there were these two distinct "tribes" of the family, in no wise related - the name being taken in both cases from possession of the same Manor of Bingham in Notts, 12 miles from Nottingham, at distinctly different periods of time.



Of course, while in possession of either "tribe", the estates were held by the eldest sons; & the younger sons, as they increased in number, gradually ceased to be "landed gentry" & drifted into professions or other means of livelihood, such as manufacture or trade.

The published "Visitations of Heraldry" show a number of the latter as still entitled to armorial bearings, as late as 1635.

Naturally, too, these younger children drifted away from the center at the "Manor", in all directions; - & this was true of both "tribes". Herod records show the name in surrounding towns, at first not far from Fingham Manor, such as Wakefield, Sherfield &c; then in & around London; also in & around Belfast, Ireland, where a large colony developed.

So that, in tracing any Finghams of the present day, care must be taken to prove which of the two "tribes" they belong to; & this involves the further difficulty & necessity of knowing something of "Heraldry".

After the publication of the book "Fingham & other Genealo-

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gies" in October, 1898, the compiler had access to the Library of Congress in Washington & endeavored to examine every authority there to be found on the subject now under discussion. The following list was carefully examined:

Bingham, Marshall's Genealogists' Guide

Burke's Commoners, ii, 350.

" " Landed Gentry, 2, 3, 4, 5.

" " General Armoury.

Harleian Society, IV, 121, 144.

" " XIII, 152, 350.

" " XV, 72.

The Norman People

Thoroton's History of Nottinghamshire, i, (1677 - 1797)

Collinson's History of Somerset, ii, 349. (1791)

Hutchin's History of Dorset, Vol. 4.

Burton's Description of Leicester, 177.

Surrey Archaeological Collections, vii.

Duchetana by Duckett, 2d edit., 62, 81.

Burke's Royal Families, edit. 1876, p. 213.

Archall's Lodge's Peerage, vii, 104.

Playfair's ~~Baronage~~ Family Antiquities, edit. 1810, Vol. iv.

Malsted's Kent, ii, 514.

Clutterbuck's Hertford, i, 160.

Burke's Commoners, i, 14.

" " Landed Gentry, 2.

Hammonson's Baronage & Geneal., iv, 332.

Bryce's Collin's Peerage, vi, 80.

De Buisli. More's Rutland.

Bank's Dormant & Extinct Baronage, i, 46.

Hunter's History of South Yorkshire, i, 220 - ii, 184

Dugdale's Baronage (1675), p. 455.

The Norman People.

Grainge's Castles & Abbeys of Yorkshire, p. 2.

Doomsday Book.

Boug or Bugge, Burton's Description of Leicester, 272.

Wright's Essex, ii, 290.

Thoroton's Nottinghamshire, i, 47 (1677-1797)

The Genealogist, i, 165 - iii, 239.

Harleian Society, xiii, 167, 363.

It was thus discovered that the anonymous book "The Norman People" ~~referred to on page xvii of the Bingham Book above mentioned, was not~~ referred to on page xvii of the Bingham Book above mentioned, was not altogether reliable. Correspondence with the publishers brought answer that the author was unknown to them.

It was learned that the history of De Buisli is veiled in obscurity & that the England antiquarians have, so far, failed to clear it up.

SKELETON MAP

MAP OF 1791

In following pages will be found all such facts as it is possible, apparently, to glean from extant records regarding de Buisli & the Bingham of mediaeval times.

It is thought unnecessary, as well as uninteresting, to give the arguments & the facts on which these are based, by which the theory presented below has been arrived at. There is, however, justification for saying that, as far as evidence at present available goes, the English Bingham since the Conquest (1066 A.D.), do not descend from de Buisli but probably from feudal subordinates of his. Simple inspection of the respective coats-of-arms would seem sufficient proof of this.

As a result of much study & cogitation & faithful endeavor to piece together such extant records as seem reliable, being careful to supply nothing as evidence which is only imagined or wished for, the compiler presents the following

~~THEORY~~

THEORY OF THE ORIGIN OF THE BINGHAMS IN ENGLAND.

Starting with the information given in the chapter "Origin of the name Bingham"

1. It is assumed that a family or clan, named Bing or Byn, came from central Europe to Britain, perhaps or even probably, from Bingen-on-the-Rhine in Salsia. Whether they came over for other reasons or were forced to migrate by Charlemagne is immaterial.
2. It is assumed that "Bingen" of central Europe became Bingham in Anglo-Saxon Britain, as both mean the same, viz.: "At the home of the Kings" or "where the Kings live".
3. It is certain that there was a family or clan of Bingham in England long before the conquest of 1066 A.D. & this is still a well known English family name.
4. It is certain that this clan was of considerable importance. Because when Britain was divided into "hundreds" for purposes of government, before & during King, Alfred's time, one of these was called Bingham Hundred, named after this clan; & there was a particular settlement, called Bingham, still existing, eleven miles east of Nottingham, where, no doubt, the old chieftains lived or, at least, had their headquarters. Near Bingham is still a place called Saxon-cote. [Note. The probabilities are that the family or clan name was Bing, not Bingham, which last was the name of a place.] While the name Bingham overlived the Norman conquest & down to this day, as also the family name Bing, it is not only probable but reasonably certain that none of the Bighams of today have any blood relation to the old Saxons who lived & lorded at Bingham Manor & throughout the Bingham Hundreds.
5. In the division of England, among the Normans after the conquest, Bingham Lordship & Bingham Manor figure extensively.

in the records & can be easily traced to this day. Plenty of evidence can be adduced to prove that many of the Normans took names from the estates they acquired.

6. In the old records one finds, shortly after the Conquest, a considerable family or de Bingham; & as the family grew from that center we find Bingham or Bingham, or Cripston, or Kinalton, or Carcolston & so on; all which estates were in the Bingham Lordship.

Now it must be remembered that a man might be a de Bingham & yet not be a knight, unless he received that honor later, which all did not. He & his sons might have no property connection with the old Bingham Manor & yet have other estates. Thus de Bingham or Carcolston was very soon Bingham of Carcolston simply; & it would not be many years before there would be Bingham's, younger sons, not only without the "de" but also without any estates at all from which to take a name.

7. It is certain that de Buisli, a great Norman lord, ranking 8th after King William the Conqueror, in Nottinghamshire, obtained possession of all or of a large part (in addition to other lands) of Bingham Lordship & in particular of Bingham Manor in Nottinghamshire.
8. It is certain that de Buisli built & lived at Tickhill castle in South Yorkshire & founded a priory at Blythe.
9. It is more than probable that de Buisli gave Bingham Manor to one of his feudal subordinates who lived there & took, or his sons took, the name of de Bingham.
10. It is certain that de Buisli also held the estate of Sutton in Somerset.
11. It is almost certain that there was a Sir John de Bingham, knight, in the time of King Henry I (1100-1135) who lived at Sutton, Somerset - (see Collinson)

It is assumed that he also was a feudal retainer of de Buisli & belonged to the very family to which de Buisli had given Bingham Manor in Nottinghamshire. He might, for instance, have been the second son. For he seems to have been a youngish man as there is record that he was knighted by King Henry I, who was the second king after William, the Conqueror.

This Sutton Bingham was almost certainly the ancestor of the present Melcombe-Binghams & of the noble Irish Bingham families.

12. It is certain that when de Buisli was dead (by 1098 A.D.) the overlordship of Bingham passed to other families & it would appear that the feudal retainer placed there by de Buisli died or was dispossessed, leaving children, who were not able, however, to hold on to Bingham Manor.

It is certain, however, that some of these children, de Bingham's, under the feudal law, still owed feudal service

which was, in some way, to a certain extent, connected with Bingham Manor & its dependencies. While they had failed to hold the Manor, they may have had farms & places which belonged to the Manor estates.

13. It is certain that shortly after 1200 A.D. Bingham Manor & its lands were again in the hands of the King; which means that the original de Bingham, who had first lived there after the Conquest, were dispossessed altogether; & I find no record of what became of such de Bingham as then appear from scattered records to have been living.

FIRST PART OF THE THEORY.

The traditions of several branches of the present Bingham family claim ancestors at one time living in Scotland. Sheffield is north of Bingham Manor on the road to Scotland. The Bingham who were dispossessed of the Manor may, some of them, have wandered northward & our Sheffield ancestor may most reasonably be descended from one of them. If this be true we may have a common ancestor with the Melcombe-Bingham family of Dorset & with the noble Irish family; but see later.

However, if this be the true theory it can never be proved, for sufficient records do not exist.

13. The John de Bingham, knight, who was living at Sutton, Somerset, in the time of King Henry I (1100-35) seems certainly to have been left undisturbed.

Hutchin's Hist. of Dorset, Vol. iv, beginning with this man, gives the line in unbroken succession to the present day of the Melcombe-Binghams of Dorset. One of this line married the Turlberville heiress & succeeded to property in Dorset, while the Sutton property in Somerset eventually passed into other hands.

All the prominent Irish Bingham spring from the Melcombe, Dorset, family, as proved by their armorial bearings.

14. It is certain that in 1266 A.D. King Henry III granted Bingham Manor in fee to Ralph Buge of Nottingham, one of whose children assumed the name de Bingham, which descended. Others of Ralph Buge's descendants took the names of other estates which they possessed, some of these estates being former dependencies of Bingham Manor.

Thoroton's Nottinghamshire, edited by Throsby, Vol. i, now becomes most interesting reading, giving, as it does, quite a complete history of Bingham Lordship & Manor & their dependencies & of the various vicissitudes of the Buge-Bingham family. The original edition was printed about 1677, only about 17 years after our first Connecticut ancestor, Thomas, came from Sheffield to Norwich, Conn. U.S.A.

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BINGHAM CHURCH 1903

- 15.- It is certain that in 1400 A.D. these Bingham estates were again in the hands of the King & by law settled on Sir Thomas de Rempston, with certain life rents still due to certain de Bingham widows.
- De Rempston had a daughter Margaret who married a Bingham but they appear to have had no children.
16. It is certain that by 1460 A.D. these Bingham estates had again passed entirely out of the hands of a family of that name.
17. But it is also certain that in 1460 A.D. there were a good many de Bingham scattered about in the neighborhood of Bingham Manor. Why none of them got the lands, I do not know. After the elder lines died out, the lands do not seem to have gone to the younger branches but back to the King. Most of these Bingham were direct descendants of the Ralph Bugge of Nottingham who got Bingham & its dependencies in 1265 A.D. from the King.
18. There are scattered but apparently reliable records of Bingham or the 15th & 17th centuries, living in London, Surrey, Rutland, Essex & other counties. These all, both by armorial bearings & pedigrees of record, came from the Bugge-Bingham family of Nottingham of 1265 A.D. These Bingham had all moved south from Nottingham & were engaged in some kind of income producing business. One is described as a "citizen & haberdasher" - another as a "gentleman & merchant". One can be traced down to 1560 A.D. - another to 1623 A.D.

SECOND PART OF THE THEORY.

Why may not others of this family have moved north instead of south? - as, for instance, to Sheffield, Wakefield & which are not far.

19. The Bingham who was "The Master Cutler of Sheffield" in 1624 A.D. may well be compared in social station with the Bingham of London, "gentleman & merchant" in or before King Henry VIII's time (1509-47); or with the Bingham of London, "citizen & haberdasher" who married the daughter of King Henry VIII's goldsmith. Yet these last two have their pedigrees in the Visitations of Heralds & their armorial bearings are the same as those of the Bugge-Bingham of Nottingham & Bingham Manor in 1265 A.D., viz,

Or, on a fesse gules, three water bougets argent.

20. It is believed that it would not prove difficult to trace back from the Thomas Bingham, our first Connecticut ancestor, through his father, who was married in Sheffield in 1631; & then through Thomas "The Master Cutler of Sheffield" in 1624 & who became a member of "The Cutlers' Company" in 1614, for say a hundred years, by study of
- a) Registers of St. Peter's & Holy Trinity Church, Sheffield
 - b) Records of "The Cutlers' Company", Sheffield.

c.) Registers of Wills &c at Doncaster, Wakefield & Nottingham.

d.) Gutsiey Rolls (very important).

e.) Records of Sheffield, Wakefield, Mansfield, Nottingham & Loughborough itself.

& it is hoped some member of the family will have enough family pride yet to do this.

REFERENCE DATES.

King Edward, Conqueror	A.D. 1022 - 1066
The Conquest	1066
King William I, The Conqueror	1066 - 1087
William II, Rufus	1087 - 1100
Henry I,	1100 - 1135
Stephen	1135 - 1154
Henry II,	1154 - 1189
Richard I, Coeur-de-Lion	1189 - 1199
John	1199 - 1216
Henry III,	1216 - 1272
Edward I,	1272 - 1307
Edward II,	1307 - 1327
Edward III,	1327 - 1377
Richard II,	1377 - 1399
Henry IV,	1399 - 1413
Henry V,	1413 - 1422
Henry VI,	1422 - 1461
Edward IV,	1461 - 1483
Edward V,	1483 -
Richard III,	1483 - 1485
Henry VII,	1485 - 1509
Henry VIII,	1509 - 1547
Edward VI,	1547 - 1553
Mary	1553 - 1558
Elizabeth	1558 - 1603
James I,	1603 - 1625
Charles I, (executed Jan. 30, 1649)	1625 - 1649
Cromwell	1649 - 1658
Charles II, (restored May	1658 - 1685

EXTRACTS FROM MEDICAL RECORDS

Before the Conquest (A.D.1066)

Thoroton was a Nottinghamshire Gentleman who, in 1677, published a book called "Thoroton's Nottinghamshire" in three volumes, which was edited, a century later, by Thorst. The edition of 1797, Vol.1, is full of Pingham history from the earliest recorded times; & contains information of later times as to Pingham Lordship & Manor, including a picture of the Church at Pingham. It is from this book that most of the following information is extracted.

- p.1. The County of Nottingham x x x with Yorkshire on the north, Leicestershire on the south, & east, Derbyshire on the west, contained three "Hundreds" or wapentakes, viz., Rannethill, Pingham & Newark, constituting a third or fourth part of this county.
- p.138. ~~Pingham~~ ~~Manor~~ x x x so called from the usual place of meeting, viz., a certain Pit on the Top of the Hill, on the contrary side of the Fosse way, near the most westerly corner of Pingham Lordship, called West House Pit x x x
- p.271. Pingham Lordship x x x Before the Conquest, Test., Hoge & Heiga each had a Manor here.

Note by T.A.B. That word "Wapentac" has a deal of history in itself. It is, in German, "Warientag". Warren means weapons; i.e., as thus used, means a convention or parliament. Hence Wapentac, means "Parliament of Warriors"; & considering the description of the place above given, a picture rises before the mind of a natural amphitheater, on the top of a hill, where the old Saxon warriors assembled from time to time, on the side slopes of the conical pit, from which all were visible to the rest: & from the center & bottom of which the voices of the leaders or speakers would rise in circling waves of sound, perfectly audible to the entire assemblage.

The following estates are given by Thoroton as in Pingham Hundred, all in Nottinghamshire & divided among the Normans after the Conquest. The names in italics are those of manors at one time or another occupied by Bingham.

Ashton	East Bridgford	Aшеveton	<u> </u> Hall
Ashton	Croughton Sulney	Lilleshote	<u> </u> Hall
Ashton	Coilston Bassett	<u>Hellon</u>	Thoroton
Ashton	Crophill Bishop	Orston	<u>Torlaxton</u>
<u>Claxton</u>	Crophill Butler	<u>Orlouse</u>	Whetton
<u>Coltgrave</u>	Hawresworth	St. Andrew	
Elton	Holme Pierpont	Warrington	
Elmtham	Grantham & Sutton	Screveton	
Hickling	Langer & Barnaston	St. Andrew	
<u>Kirlington</u>	Randall on Trent	St. Andrew's	
Newbold	Titchley & Wyreton	Stanton	

Arms: - A, an escutcheon within an orle of cinquefoils azure.

There is no doubt that he came over "with the Conqueror". His name is on Battle Abbey Roll, which is, however, doubtful authority. But Thoroton & Hutchin's History, of Dorset, as well as other authorities, confirm the fact.

He was a great Norman lord who received upward of 200 lordships & baronies in various parts of England & his wife Muriel was an intimate of Matilda, wife of the Conqueror. He ranked 9th in order of precedence in Nottinghamshire. Thoroton, p. 2, quotes from the Domesday Book, as follows:

THEMES OF KING ROGER DE LUISLI, HEREBOURNE.

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. King William | 24. Henry de Ferraris |
| 2. Earl Aith (of Richmond) | 25. Robert Malet |
| 3. Earl Hugh (of Chester) | x x x x |
| 4. Robert (Earl Meriton) | 28. Robert Fitzwilliam |
| 5. The Archbishop of York | x x x x |
| 6. The Bishop of Lincoln | 30. The King's Thanes |
| 7. The Bishop of Bayon | |
| 8. The Abbot of (Peter)burgh | |
| 9. Roger de Luisli | |

There were two families in Normandy, one near Neuchâtel & one near St. Hunter, who investigated this subject, in his Hist. of South Yorkshire, (I, 220-II, 184) says he could not determine from which one this Roger came & gives an interesting account of his researches. As said above, Muriel, the wife of this Roger, was a great friend of Matilda the wife of the Conqueror; & estates were given to her (& her husband) by this King.

Thoroton, p. 13, says "Roger de Luisli, whom King William the Conqueror made the greatest man of lands in this county (Notts) by many degrees; the great survey taken in that King's reign shows that, in this small shire, he had 174 manors, being the best part of 90 townships, besides very many other towns. His seat in this county, was at Pight (where he remained a priory, in 1088) & in Yorkshire at Thirsk. Hutchin's Hist. of Dorset says he did not have a seat at Pight but had only the one at Thirsk which he greatly enlarged & entirely built."

LANDS OF ROGER DE LUISLI

Thoroton, p. 2

Notts

174 manors, among them

Bingham

Hinton

Carleton

Lease

In Bingham Hundred

Clayton

Stanton (Stokeham)

In Nottinghamshire

Thoroton says

Before the invasion of the Normans, Bith was a minor manor

x x but afterwards it became the fee of Roger de Luisli.

Sutton

Sutton (Sutton)

Collinson, in his Hist. of Dorset, says, p. 349, "The Manor of Sutton was given by the Conqueror to Roger Arundel" & then quotes from Domesday Book "Roger (Arundel) holds of Roger (Arundel) Sutton. Ulward held it in the time of King Edward" (Confessor, 1042-1066). He adds

"Sir John de Binham, Ant., was living here in the time of Henry I (1100-35)".

Hutchin's Hist. of Dorset, p. 369 says

"In the record of Sutton in Domesday Book the surname Arundel is interminated & might possibly have been a mistake for or "different form of Busli".

Yell

The Honour of The Will

This was evidently a very choice property about which there has been much investigation & much has been written. Its name still exists. It kept falling continually into the hands of the King & was one of his choice gifts.

Gringge's Castles of Yorkshire, p. 2, says

Nothing is known of Tickhill until the period of the Conquest when we find the principal property in this neighborhood in the possession of Roger de Busli, who either enlarged or built a castle here. The time of this warrior's decease is not exactly known but he was certainly dead in 1098.

Soon after this death, Robert de Belesme obtained from King William Rufus (1087-1100) the possessions of Roger de Busli, who was his kinsman, for a great sum of money; & it appears that he stepped in between the property & some persons who had a better claim. In the succeeding reign all the possessions of Robert de Belesme were resumed by King Henry I (1100-35) who kept possession of Tickhill.

From Domesday Book:

In Harth - one Manor - Roger (de Busli) has this land of Judith, the Countess (Widow of Earl Mattheu)

In Atcliffe & Escrofeld (Sharncliffe) - two manors

Barby & Kelgeli	Stanton	Brinsford	Northgrave
Dawesly	Stanton	Tinslaw	& many others

Dayenham

From Domesday Book

Roger de Busli held of the King Sharncliffe. The Queen gave it to Roger & his wife.

The introduction to Domesday Book, by a modern author, says, apparently quoting from Du Guesle's Tarony, I, p. 455, "The barony terminated in John his grandson who left one daughter".

DESCRIPTION OF BINGHAM LORDSHIP

Thoroton, Vol. i, p. 271 (1077-1797)

Before the Conquest, Testr, Hoge & Heile each had a Manor here. After the Conquest this (Binham) became wholly the Fee of Roger de Busli. The Lordship contains about 3000 acres, increased about 1280, A.D.

MANOR

Thoroton, p. 73

It is on an old Roman road running from London to Lincoln.

Thoroton, p. 277

Bingham stands at the distance of near a mile

from the turnpike road running from Nottingham to Newark; 10 miles from the former & 11 miles from the latter.

p. 273

The Book of the Forest of Sherwood shows that

Haywood (a piece of forest between Orton & Nidworth)

belonged to the town of Bingham in 1250 A.D.

p. 277

Bingham is a market town but not of considerable

magnitude. We may suppose that it was once of more consequence by its giving its name to a "Hundred" or "Septentane"; & by the foundations of very ancient buildings being frequently discovered. Two churches once stood in this place.

p. 278

The church is dedicated to All Saints (picture of it faces Thoroton, Vol. i., p. 13)

p. 281

Bingham is a rectory, now in the gift of the Earl of Chesterfield. The oldest register begins 1598 A.D. At Bingham there was a college dedicated to the Virgin Mary, broken up at the dissolution (Henry VIII., 1509-47)

p. 274

Several of the rectors of Bingham were removed to bishoprics, - Allat, Harmer, Wren successively.

In the quirk-chair of St. Mary, in Bingham, the rings belonging to it there, grants were allowed in 1553 & 1575 of the Close in Bingham wherein stood the chapel of St. James; & also of St. Helen's Close. In the middle of the chancel was Sir Thomas de Kempston's tomb bearing his arms, viz., Argent, a chevron with a maillet or cinquefoil in the center point sable-impaling, cheq. Argent & Gules, a bend sable, feskering, which was also in the windows but in some made obscure.

p. 274

In the church, a stone tomb & one of alabaster, (now under a seat), wherein used to lie the statues, cross-legged, of some of the Binghamians with their shields, whereon is embossed three water bougets on a fesse.

HISTORICAL NOTES

Thoroton, p. 271

Roger de Cusil, at his foundation of Holy Trinity in 1068, gave to it two parts of the tithes of the

Manor of Bingham, which, in the copy of the foundation charter, printed in the Monast. Angl. Vol. i., 1553, is omitted by the fault of some scribe.

William Parnell, husband of Avericia de Romeilla & father of Adaliza, wife of Robert de Gaunt, was the next owner of this place. 1186

In 1186 William de Vavasour had allowance &

gave account for 40 shillings laid out in the repair of the houses of Cortorp & Bingham, by the King's Writ, - Rot. Pip. 32 H. 2.

Avericia de Romeilla gave in 1186 to a church the culture of Bingham.

Hugh, the son of Clement de Bingham, gave certain money out of property he had from boys, nephew of Cecily, his sister, wife of him

in Bingham.

Richard, son of Robert, in 1205, gave a sum of money for 1205 A.D. "having, therein of some land with the appurtenances in Bingham & which were in the King's hand, whereof Robert de Bingham, father of said Richard, died seized" &c

Pouke Fainelli (Faganelli) held the barony of Bingham. He succeeded Hugh de Bingham.

Afterwards Pouke was dispossessed of that barony by occasion of the King's precept "de Terris Normannorum" & that town was given to Henry de Palliol & the service of Hugh still kept in the King's possession.

Between 1182 & 1199 & 1272 the Town of Bingham was found (in law) to be an escheat of the "Terra Normannorum"; & that Colvinus de Lettriss & his brother had it of the gift of King John (1199-1216) & of his son King Henry III (1216-1272)

1230 A.D. Nicholas de Lettriss had a patent for this Manor in 1230.

1235 A.D. William de London had the King's presentation to the church of Bingham.

1235 A.D. The Manor of Bingham was granted to William de Ferrariss (Earl of Nottingham) in 1235.

1266 A.D. But in 1266 the King granted it in fee to Ralph Buge, whose son Richard de Bingham was a knight.

1280 A.D. Adam Buge, in 1280, acknowledged certain land in Bingham to be the right of Hugh, son of Silvester de Bingham.

Note by T.A.B. - I take these last two, Silvester & Hugh mentioned here & above, to be descendants of the first family of Normans who first held Bingham; & to be still living on land belonging to the estates of the Manor & still owing feudal service in connection therewith & yet having no longer claim on the Manor. If this supposition be correct they should be found to bear the same arms as the Belcombe-Binghams.

1284 A.D. There was a suit in the Spiritual Court between the Monastery of Wylth & Robert, the Parson of Bingham, for that he had carried away in the year 1280 the tithes of the sheaves growing on the ancient demesne of Sir Ralph de Bingham & his ancestors, in the fields of Bingham, whereof the said Monastery was antiently possessed & which controversy was agreed that the said Rector & his successors should pay four marks yearly, in the name of a farm, to the said monastery, by the consent of Sir Richard de Bingham, the patron, in 1284.

1294 A.D. - Thoroton, p. 139 -

Richard de Bingham, in 1294, had a charter of Free Warren in Bingham.

1298 A.D. - Thoroton, p. 274

There was a portion allotted in 1298 for a vicarage at Bingham, which, within 2 or 3 years after, was consolidated with the rectory, with which it still (1677) continued.

1301 A.D. - Thoroton, p. 272

In 1301 the jury found it not to the King's nor any other's loss if Sir Richard de Bingham gave five marks yearly, rent out of Nottingham.

Nov. in 1308, if he gave certain land here to a chap-
1308 A.D. lain celebrating Divine Service in the chapel of St.
Elien at Binham.

Thoroton, p. 139 In 1308 certain revenues of the Manor of Bin-
ham were settled on Richard de Binham & Alice his
wife & the heirs males which the said Richard should beget on the
body of the said Alice; remainder to William, son of Alice Bertiam of
Binham & the heirs males of his body; remainder to Richard, young
brother of William & his; remainder to Thomas, brother of the said
Richard the younger & the heirs males of his; remainder to the right
heirs of the said Richard de Binham.

This Sir Richard was resident at Binham all or most of his
time & had, by one Alice Bertiam, three sons, William, Richard & Thomas.
On William he settled Binham Manor & Clifton & lands in Gouthorpe,
Hinton, Cotgrave, Bottinham & Bottinton; & an advowson of the church
of Binham in the latter end of his time. Alice, his wife, as may be
deduced from deeds of 1306, 1308 & 1309, had died about Alice's de-
parture from a settlement made in 1309 in which William is said to be
the son of said Alice.

Thoroton, p. 273 In 1312, William, son of Eustachius de
Binham, settled a certain amount of land on him-
self & Anne his wife & the heirs of their bodies; for
want of which, one half to his son Robert & the other
to his son William & the respective heirs of their bodies; remainder
to the said William, son of Eustachius.

In 1330, Alice, who had been the wife & William the
1330 A.D. son of Sir Richard de Binham, claimed a market every
Thursday & a fair at Binham for six days every year,
viz., The Eve & Feast of Saints Simon & Jude & four days following;
which was granted them & the heirs of the body of William.

In 1346 certain land with the appurtenances in
1346 A.D. Binham x x x & the advowson of the Church of
All Saints & the Chapel of St. Elien, of Binham, were set-
tled on William de Binham, knight, & the heirs males of his body;
remainder to Richard, brother of said William & his &c.; & for want of
such to Matilda, daughter of Richard, son of Ralph Hage & her heirs.

Thoroton, pp. 139, 272 Before 1368 Sir Richard de Binham,
knight, succeeded in son & heir of this
1368 A.D. William & died about 1368, the Thursday before St.
Matthew's Day at West Chester. He had a son William
whom he overtook. On this son & his wife Margaret he settled Clifton
Hinton & some other lands. This son William married, first, Margaret,
living in 1367; second, Isobel (Fitzwilliam?) living in _____ &c.,
dying before his father, left a son Robert about 3 or 4 years old, who
became the heir to Sir Richard de Binham, knight, his grandfather &
to the estates above mentioned; as well as to Binham where his grand-
father had lived & died. But this child Robert did not live long.

For these estates went a son, in 1409, in the hands of the
1400 A.D. King & by law settled on Sir Thomas de Kempston & his
heirs, to come to them eventually. For Isobel, the second
wife, above mentioned, of William de Binham, being then a life interest
in the Manor of Clifton & Joane, late of Sir John Trevely &

daughter of _____?, held Bingham for her life & after her death,
it was to go to William Arundel & Agnes his wife, in living. After
the death of all these, the properties mentioned fell again into the
hands of the King: & thence to Sir Thomas de Rempston, as above said.

Thoroton, p. 273 This Sir Thomas, by Margaret his wife, had a

son, another Sir Thomas Rempston, who married
1459 A.D. Alice, daughter & heiress of Sir Thomas & Isabel

Peckering, & died about 1480 & lies buried in the side-
chapel of the church at Bingham, under a fair alabaster tomb, whereon
lie the effigies of himself & his wife. He left three daughters &
heiresses to him, with his other lands, viz.,

Elizabeth, wife of John Cheney, Esq.

Isabel, wife of Sir Brian Stapleton, knight. } or vice versa

Margaret, wife of Richard Bingham, Esq., the younger; which last
pair, Thoroton thinks, left no issue.

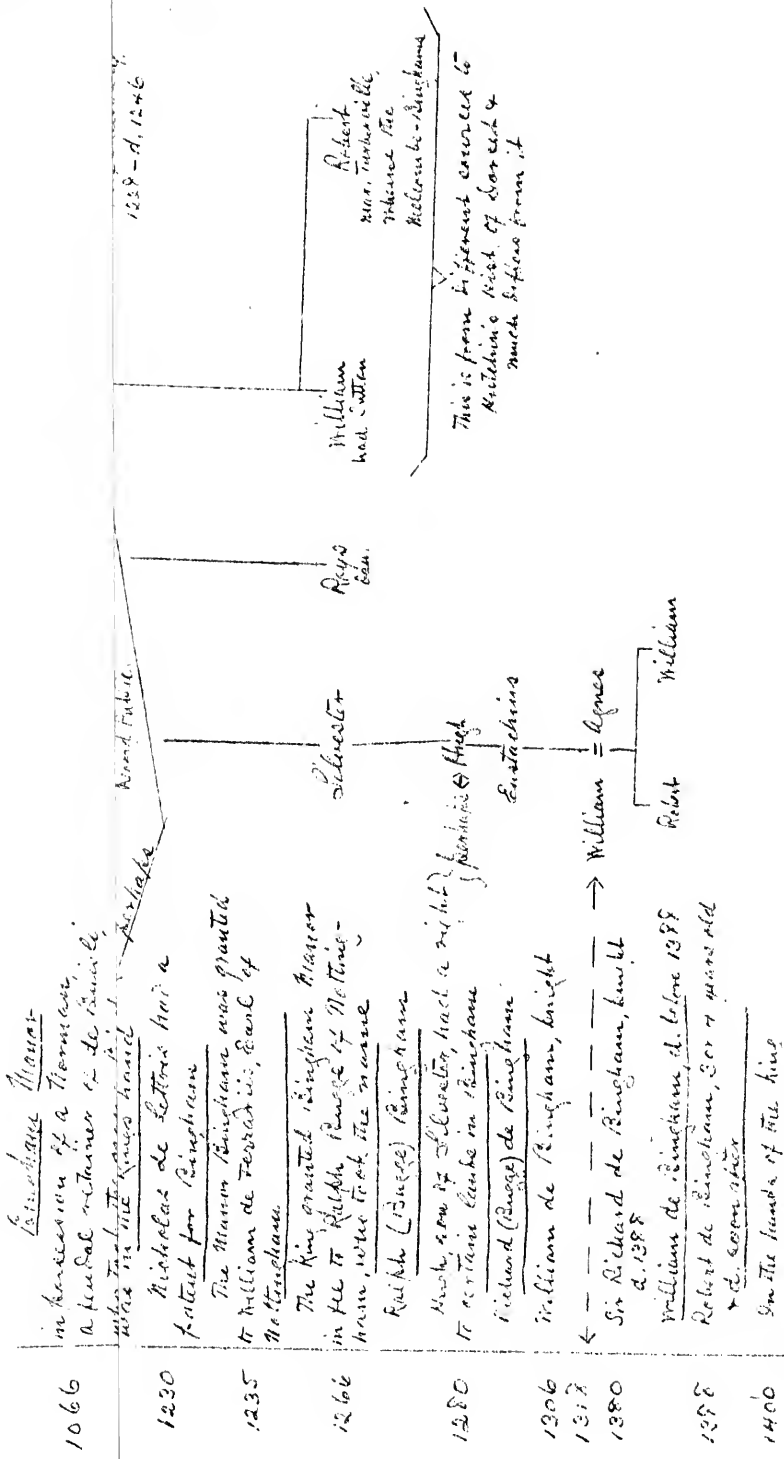
Between 1461-83 there were many recoveries & executions
1461-83 A.D. of the old feudal decision of 1308 A.D. concern-
ing the Manor & the rest of the Bingham lands.

1511 A.D. But by 1511 Bingham Manor fell to the family of
Stapleton, as did Rempston & other estates.

1526 A.D. Yet in 1526 Sir Brian Stapleton & his wife Elizabeth
(or Isabel) Rempston had to fulfil some provisions of
that old decision of 1308.

Brian Stapleton (son of the above?) sold Bingham
to Sir Thomas Stanhope, grandfather of Philip, 1st Earl
1675 A.D. of Chesterfield, whose grandson, the second Earl, had it
about 1675.

The strength of which the names Lawrence of
 Bingham Manor
 and the two lines of Normans, from either of which
 the Convent of Bingham probably came,
 probably the latter family.



De Ruissli

(Bank's Dormant & Extinct Baronage, i, 46 - quoting Hugouale)
Arms: Sable, an armutcheon within an orle of cinquefoils azure.

1. Roger de Ruissli
2. Richard (presumed his son)
3. William Richard John
4. John
5. Idonea

But, say Nicholson & Courne in Hist. of Cumberland &
Westmorland, i, 270

1. Roger, in time of Henry, I (1100-35), Lord of the Manor & Castle of Trebail in Yorkshire.
2. Roger
3. Arnold, brother of first Roger.
4. Jordan, son & heir.
5. Richard, son & heir.
6. John de Ruissli, son & heir.
7. Idonea, daughter & heiress.

Then Bank's gives

De Ruissli

Roger (1100-35)	Beatrice	Ernold or Arnold
Roger, died, no children (1100-35)	Henry, Earl of Eu (Eu)	Jordan
	John, Earl of Eu	Richard
	Henry, Earl of Eu	John
	Alice, Countess of Eu	Idonea, dau. & heiress, mar.
		Robert de Vient (1100-35)

Merston, 1, 3, from De Buisi Place coram Rege, Nich. - 4 H 3, 10, 1.

Matron, Matron
Friend of Matron,
Wife of William I,
the Conqueror

Agenda Book 1 =

Rever
Winnifred Child in
(100-35)

Concluded

Garrison
(Pl. de basco, Michx.)
14 H. 2-10.25)

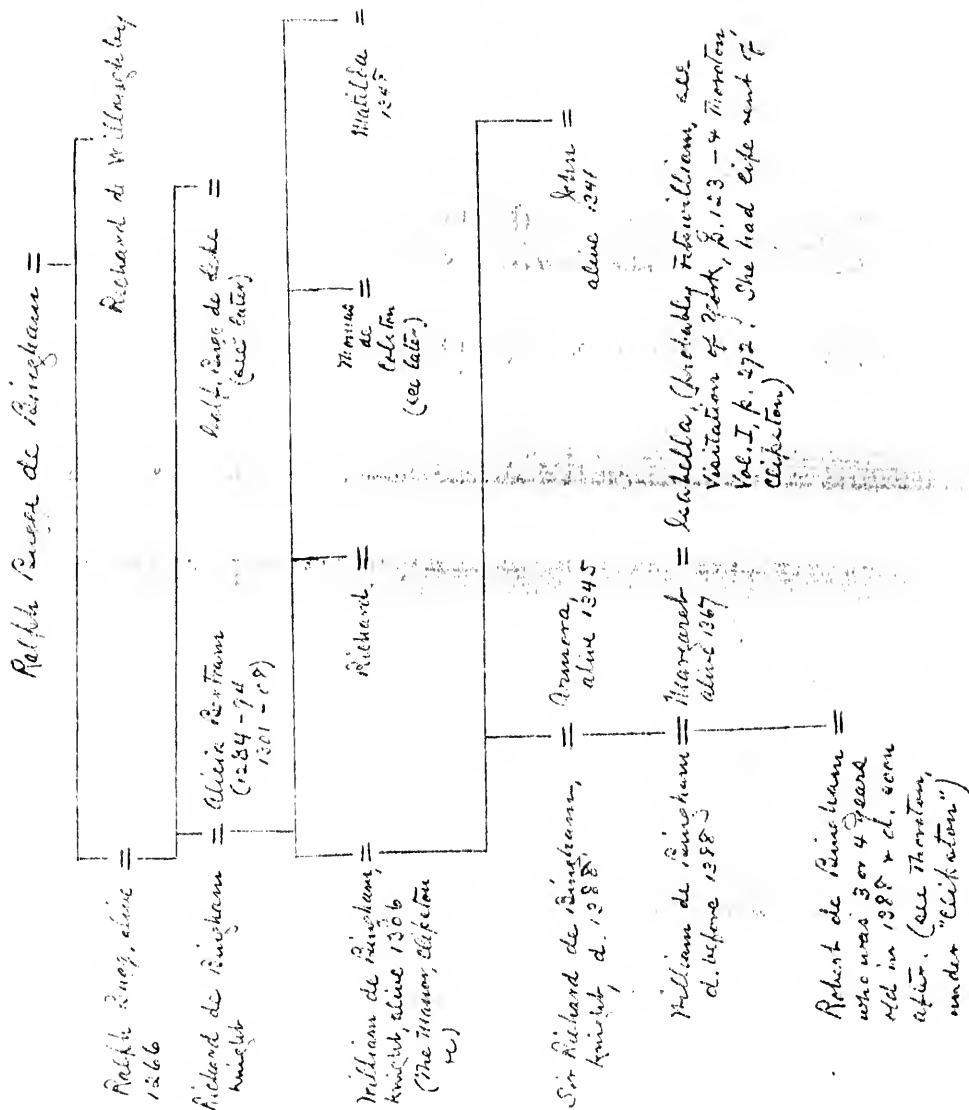
Richard

Getra de Bully

Spinea = Abent de Veteri Ponte
Sancti Petri d. 1228

Bugs - Bingham
of Bingham, Lake & Colston - Notts
Arms:

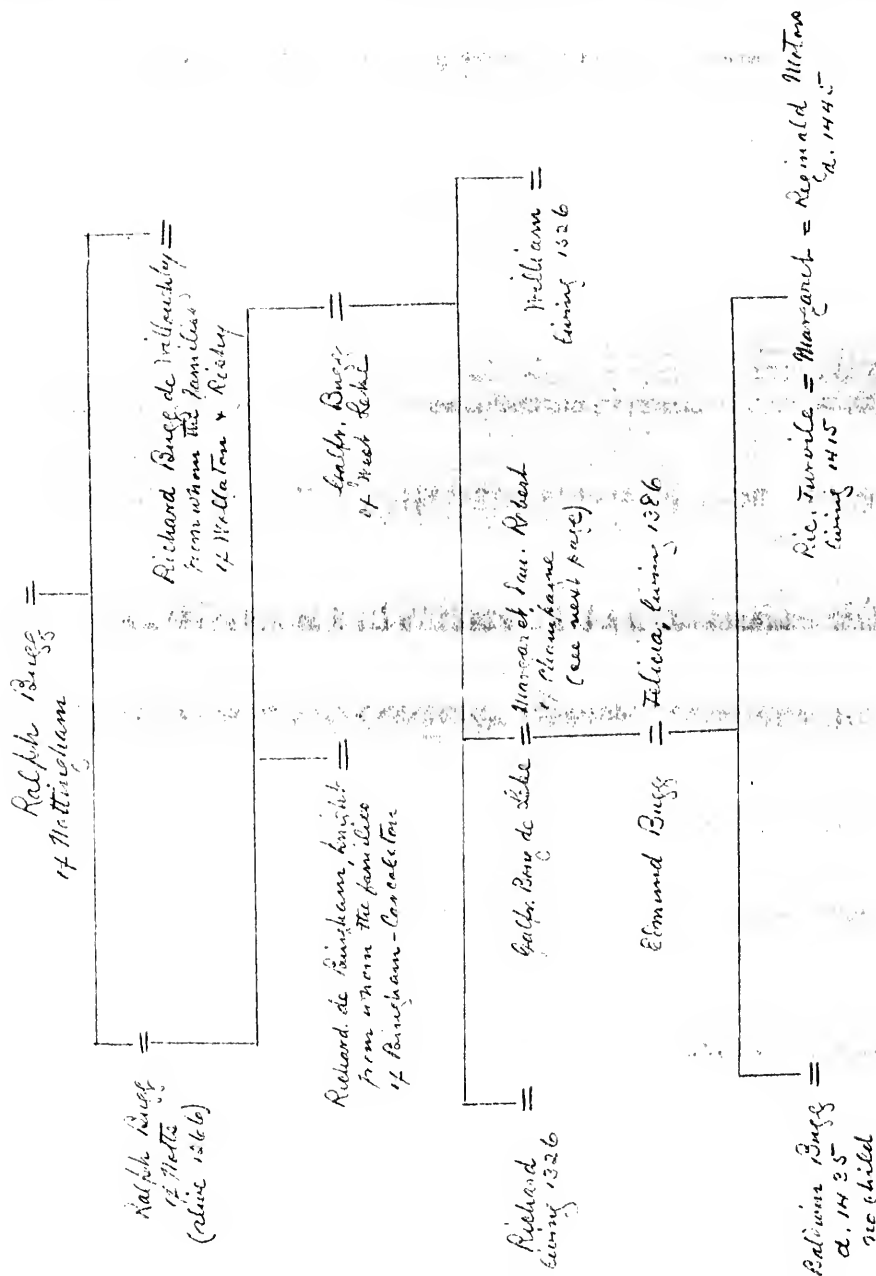
Thoroton, Vol. I, p. 272



Bugg - Bingham
 of Bingham, Loke, Kincaton, Clipston, Carrolston &c
 Notts

Thoroton, 1, 46

Arms:



Bugg of Thursterton - Leicester

Burtosis Descript. Leicestershire, 2^d edit., 1777, p. 272

Bugg arms: Or, on a fesse sable, three water buckets argent

Champaigne arms: Nudy, argent & sable

William
Roundelaine,
St. John's Old
in 1372, Co.
two of his
married
sister
Margaret
de
Culney

Margaret
m. St. John
de Culney
in 1372, Co.
two of his
married
sister

Elizabeth
m. 1. Thomas
Hunt
2. de
North
wode

William
m. 1. Thomas
Hunt
2. de
North
wode

Margaret
m. 1. Thomas
Hunt
2. de
North
wode

William
m. 1. Thomas
Hunt
2. de
North
wode

Margaret
m. 1. Thomas
Hunt
2. de
North
wode

Margaret
m. 1. Thomas
Hunt
2. de
North
wode

Richard
Turnile

Margaret
sister & heiress

Edmund Bugg

Baldwin Bugg
of Thursterton,
Co. Leicester,
died 1425

William Roundelaine
Sephor m. in 1354

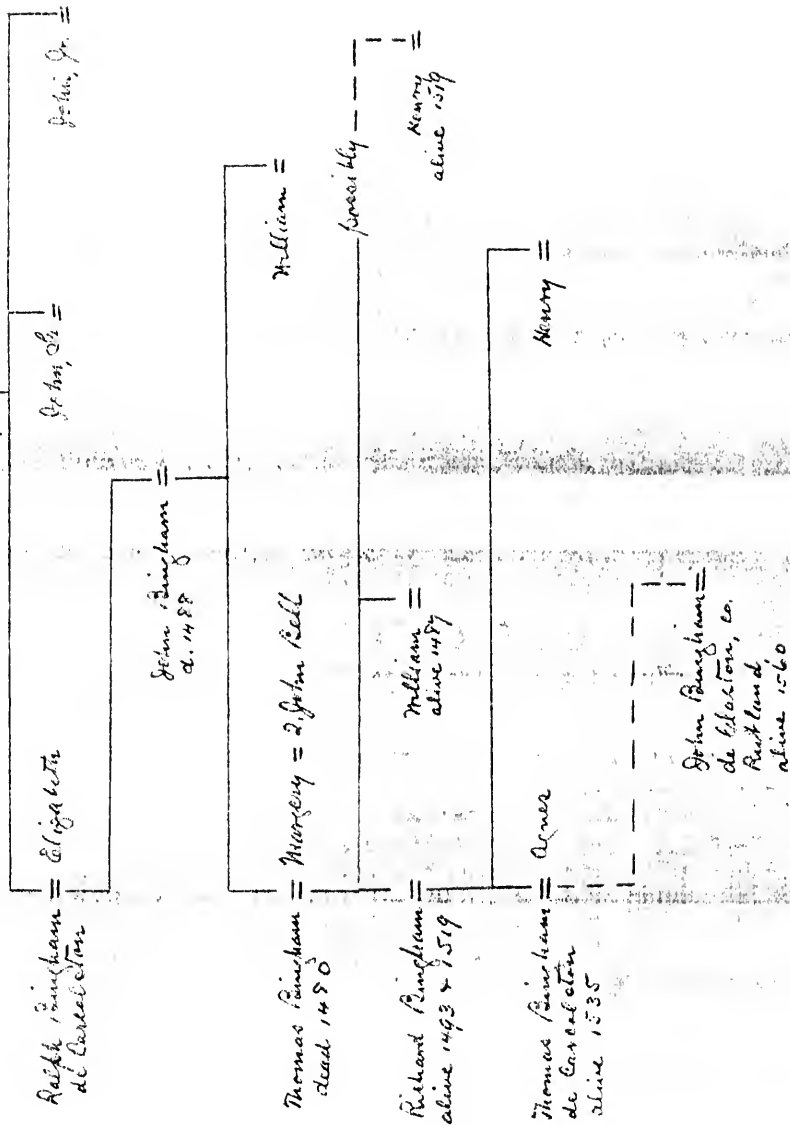
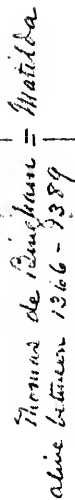
Bingham of Carleton - Notts

Thorstein, i, 242

See also Watson - Claworth

Arms: In the Church. were lately in an upper window

Or, on a fesse gules, three water bougets argent - Bingham



Johannes de Bingham = Elizabeth, dau. & heiress of Mann
in co. Notts.
a. 23. H. 6 (1445)
Charnells de Muston in co.
Leicester & Margaret

Margery of
dau. & heiress of
Thomas Rompston
knight of the garter

= Richard Bingham
Justice of the (King's) Bench R't' p.
E. 4 (1461-63) was of Watnour Chd-
worth in Notts. - d. May 22, 1476
7 prob. buried church in Mileston,
co. Warwick

= Margaret, dau. & co-heir
of Robert, knight, Milt'd
port right (sic) Hugh
Millingbury

John Bingham =

Richard Bingham, son & heir of John Bingham of
Watnour - Chaworth, Notts
alive 1512, Tironston p. 325

= Anna, sister & heir of Rich. Strelly
Milit' de Limby, co. Notts

Anna = Ralph Pureby
dau. & co-heir
was d. 1557

Margery =

Ralph Kellerton
of Kellerton in
co. Staffordshire

Note. Visitation of Yorkshire A. D. 1563 & 1564
p. 279 - Jane, dau. of Sir Ryeland Bingham, Justice,
mar. Steven Scrope, son & heir

p. 160 - dau. of Sir Ryeland Bingham, knight
Justice - mar. Hugh Herby, son & heir of Hugh

Bingham of Watnour - Chaworth, - Notts
Harleian Mss. IV, 121 - Visitation of Notts, 1569 & 1614
Arms: - Or, on a fesse gules, three water bougets argent

John Bingham
of Watnour, co.
Notts - 1445

1. Margaret, dau. & heiress
of Sir Thomas de
Rempston, knight of
the Garter

= Sir Richard Bingham, knight;
justice of King's Bench
A.D. 1457 & 1463

= 2. Margaret, dau. &
co-heir. of Sir Bald.
win Ferle, knight,
widow of Sir H.
Willoughby, knight.

John de Bingham.
A.D. 1447 & 1479

= Elizabeth, dau. & heiress of Herman
Charnelle, of manor of Muston, co.
Leicester, 1454

Richard Bingham
A.D. 1479 & 1523

= Anne, sister & co-heir of Sir
Nicholas Strelley, knight,

Anne
= Ralph Parrey of Drayton
A.D. 1529

Margaret = Ralph Rolleston

Bingham of Watnour, Notts

Burton's descrip. of Leicestershire, 2^d edit., 1777, p. 176

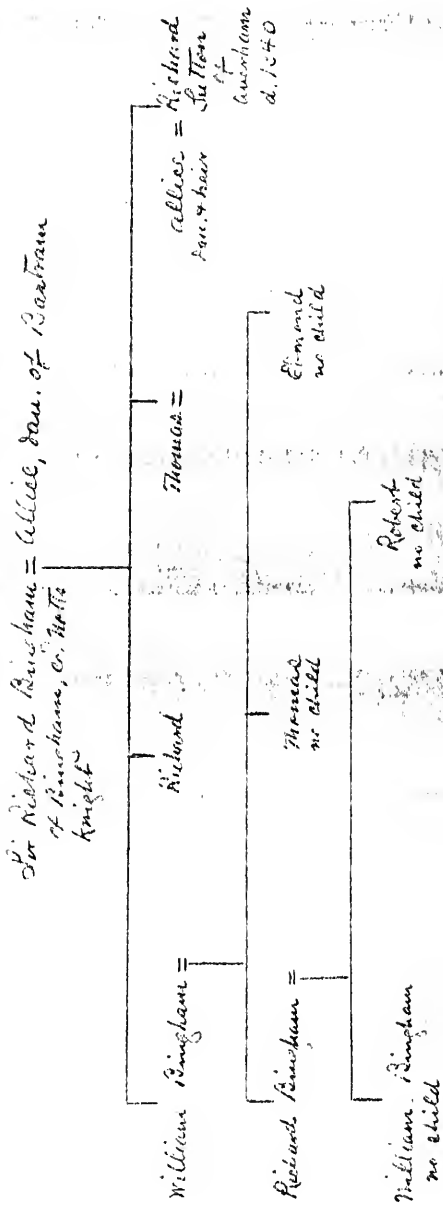
Bingham arms: - Or, on a fesse gules, three water bougets argent.
Charnelle arms: - Azure, a cross engrailed or.

Bingham of Bingham - Notts

Harleian Mss. (1400-1555) IV, 144

Visitation of Hottes in 1569 & 1614

Cornel:



Note. Visitation of Yorkshire, in A.D. 1563 & 1564
p. 123 William Parichane of Paringham
1510. Leavel Fitzwilliam

Theriot, f. 139. 272. William Pangburn
mar. 1. Margaret, born 1367
2. Isabel

— Dan. of — Lovells

Harold Bingham
de villa
Nottingham

= Alicia, dan. of Robert Penitence
of St. Martin in the Fields, London

1. Alicia, Dan. of
— Vicar
of Southwark,
first wife, no
child

= John Bingham of Knight Hill
& Southwark in co. Surrey
ar: a 1623, Epiphany. King
James

= 2. Anna, 2 wife, dan.
of John Payne of
Southwark

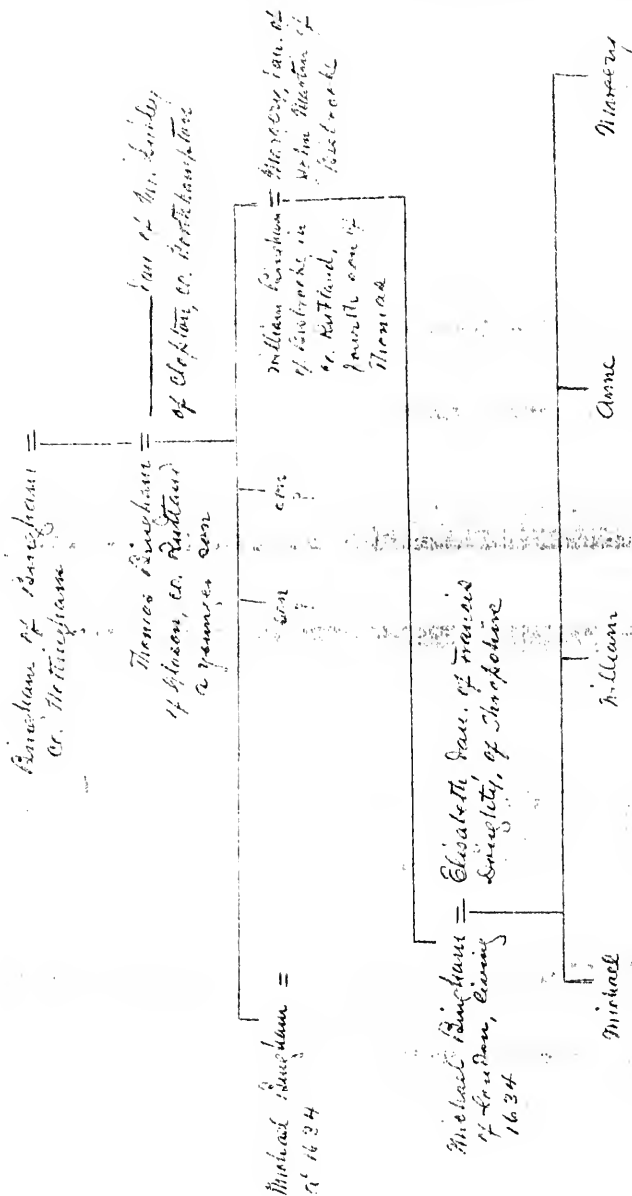
Vener. man
— 5m. th
of C. Essex

Bingham
Surrey Archaeolog. Soc., VII, 317
Visitation of Surrey in 1623, A. D.

Arms: Or, on a fesse between three mullets gules, as many
water bougets argent

March 10, 1922

Arms: 12, on a fesse gules, three water bougets argent.



Bingham

Harleian Colloc. VII, 350

Visitation of Essex in 1634. A. D.

Arms: Or, on a fesse gules, three water bougets argent

Nicholas Bingham
of the Vale, in
co. North

Anthony Bingham
citizen & haberdasher of
London

Elizabeth, base. of
Nicholas Fleming, gentleman
17 King Henry III (1272-1279)

Nicholas Bingham
of Barking, in
co. Essex, gentl-
man, 1635

Henry = Richard Lutter, one
of the pillars of the
St. Dunstons Church in
the Guildhall

Elizabeth = Thomas Wright
of London,
merchant

Nicholas Bingham
used about 17
years in 1635

Anthony

Margaret = Robert
of Barking
in co. Essex

Elizabeth =
youngest son.

Bingham

Harleian Colles. VIII, 152.

Visitation of Essex A.D. 1612

Arms:

Michael Bingham =
of London, Gentleman &
merchant of the same

Ellis Bingham
first son, died
no child

Anthony Bingham =
of London, Gentle-
man, son & heir

Elizabeth
da. of
Michael
Bishop of
London,
prebendary
to King
Henry VIII,
a Bingham,
(1509-47)

Maria =
daughter of
Richard, an
ex. madd,
gentleman
whose he was
died buried.
the d. 1616

Barbelle
daughter
of London
ex. madd
in St.
Burial
at London,
the d. 1611

Michael Bingham
second son, in ex.
Essex, Esq. son
& heir

Elizabeth, dau. of
Thomas Bingham
of Yorkshire

Mary = Richard Billes
of Gray's Inn,
Esq.

Elizabeth =

Thomas Wright
of London,
march

CONNECTION WITH BRITISH NOBILITY.

Burke's "Nobility & Gentry of England" mentions several families of Bingleys, giving the family crest & the motto "Sicut non Christus". But however desirable the crest & motto may seem, there appears to be no heraldic right as yet established for the Connecticut Bingleys to assume either. For the benefit of those who desire to know how distant the connection is with the nobility of England, the following is given, which can be verified by reference to Burke.

John de Bingle was imprisoned by King Henry I (1100-35) for some time on account of the fine of prison sentence.

1. Willmer
2. Geoffrey
3. Adam de
4. William
5. Ralph
6. Ralph 2d who was knighted & died
7. William, 11th in 1256 A.D.
8. Robert 1st
9. Robert 2d who was Bishop of Herebury in 1228 A.D. & died 1240

See first index of Biographical Reference by H.B. Phillips

Robert 1st married & had
Robert from whom descended
~~Richard~~

Richard
Robert
Richard
Robert
Richard
Robert
Robert

This last Robert died in 1501 A.D., leaving 8 sons & 2 daughters. His 7th son was Thomas & there is a supposition that he may have been the ancestor of the American family. This theory is based

1. On the tradition (not yet proved) that he lived in Yorkshire.
2. On the fact that he was contemporaneous with the Thomas Bingle born about 1542 A.D.

But here is the sticking point!

(If there is truth in this theory, he was probably the grandfather of the first American Bingle & father of (O) in this genealogy; & this theory is, at least, possible. - T.A.B.)

ARMOURIAL ALPHABET

A. Azure, a bend cotized between six crosses pale or.

Crest - On a rock, p.p., an eagle rising or.

Motto - Spes mea Christus.

1. The above borne by the heirs of Bouch Ireland
2. Also by the family of Bingham Castle, Ireland
- co. Mayo.
3. The Verdonne Bingham bore the above } Dorset
- arms, quartering, Throckmorton & }
other allied families.
4. Another family living at "The Vines", } Kent
- Rocheester, co. Kent, bear the same }
arms as the Verdonne Bingham.
5. No longer bore Chambray. Ireland
6. Registered 1708 - same arms as above
but quartering Chambray.

B. Or, on a fesse gules, three water bougets argent.

1. The arms of Gloucester & Winton-Chambray. Notes
2. Visitation of Hastings, 1614 A.D. Notes

C. Or, on a fesse gules, three water bougets argent.

D. Or, on a fesse gules, three water bougets argent. Notes

E. Or, on a fesse between three mullets gules, as many water bougets argent. } Notes
(this from Surrey Archaeolog. Soc. Coll. vii, 317)

F. Per pale argent & gules, a lion passant guardant gules.

G. Same as "F" but lion crooked or

H. Vert, a cross moline or. Hertfordshire

I. Azure, a fesse antient argent, bingham or bingham.

IRISH FAMILY TRADITIONS

Among all the Irishmen the writer has met, the tradition has been general that the American families came from Ireland. The tests appear to be as follows:

Under date of February 2, 1895, Col. R. Bingham of Asheville, N.C., writes that his family certainly came from Ireland, as will be seen under the heading of the Irish Bingham family.

General Henry H. Bingham, M.C., of Philadelphia, Pa., is undoubtedly from the same family as the North Carolina Bingham.

Sir John David Bingham, Bart., of Sheffield, in England, told the writer February 21, 1894, that the tradition existed in his family, although all he knew was that he came from Chesterfield, Eng.

The writer's grandfather, Cyrus Bingham, used to say that his grandfather, Elmer, said that the Connecticut family came from Ireland.

There were Pinchams, soldiers, in Ireland in 1586, 1590, 1593, &c. These, or some of them, belonged to the Melcombe-Bingham family of Dorsetshire, still a prominent family. The tombstone of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Richard Bingham of this family is in Westminster Abbey. He served in Ireland in Queen Elizabeth's time; & relations of his may, very likely, be ancestors of the present Irish noblemen. A number of Irish Bingham have been famous soldiers. Lord Raglan was a Bingham; & the earls of Lucan are Bingham. One of them, George Charles Bingham, 1. 1800, - 1866, was in the "charge of the Light Brigade" at Balaklava.

As shown above, some of the American Bingham do come of Irish ancestry; but whether the Irish Bingham came from the time of Queen Elizabeth & the Spanish Armada or from Cromwell's time, the Connecticut Bingham almost certainly do not come from Irish ancestry of those times; because their forebears were peacefully settled & solidly established in the cutting business in Sheffield, England, in 1631 A.D. & years before; & the Bingham who first came to Norwich, Conn., was baptized in Sheffield in 1642, as shown by still existing church records.

In 1650, under Cromwell, a Col. Nicholas Bingham was in command at "Seymour's"

ENGLISH ORIGIN OF THE CONNECTICUT PINCHAMS.

On February 21, 1894, the writer saw the well preserved church records at Sheffield, England; & found there records decisive evidence as to Thomas, the father of the Norwich settler, as well as to the English himself.

The line of evidence is perfect. The tombstone at Windham, Conn., (see appendix) of the original Thomas Bingham of Norwich, Conn., records the fact that he came from Sheffield, England & that his father's name was Thomas.

Upon arrival in Sheffield I found that the city directory for 1893-4 contained the names of thirty-five Pinchams. It was known that the first American Thomas came to Norwich in 1650 A.D. when he was about 18 years old; so, that in 1642 Sheffield must have been a small town, shown by the said directory to have had then about 2500

inhabitants. Hence, it was argued, there could then have been but one, or, at most, two parish churches. It was found that there was then but one parish church, St. Peter's. This still exists & its records were found to be in good order & carefully preserved.

It did not take long to find ~~locating~~ what I was in search of, viz., date of baptism or birth of the first Norwich, Conn., Bingham, names of his father & mother & date of their marriage.

The record of births was looked up as far back as 1590, but I failed to find that of the Thomas Bingham married in 1631. As my stay in Sheffield was limited, it does not follow that more time spent would not probably have rewarded my search.

While examining the records, I was on the lookout for another family of Bingham living in Sheffield in the early part of the 17th century, but found none. I incline to the belief from this & other records which were examined, that there was only this one family of Bingham in that parish at that time, although the surrounding country was then & still is full of them.

It is to be noted that the mother of the first Norwich Bingham was Anna (corroborated by evidence recently found in America) & not ~~Anna~~, as given on the Bingham tombstone. Her last name was Stenton (not Stanton) & this name was observed on one or two store signs of the present city.

The family name Stenton occurs in St. Peter's records before & after 1600 A.D. but I did not find this Anna among them.

Sheffield, England, has always been noted for its cutlery, & was so in 1600 A.D. Now it is well known that the old Trade Guilds were & now honorable was the position of a master in such guilds. In the latter part of the 16th century the master cutlers of Sheffield formed themselves into one association called the Cutlers' Company which exists to this day. The records of this Company date from the time of Queen Elizabeth.

In these records I found an entry under date of December 21, 1614, of a Thomas Bingham having been admitted to membership as a master cutler & his trade mark is given as granted to him.

A Henry Bingham also appears on the record before the above Thomas & he had a trade mark which I failed to copy. B

It appears very probable that the Thomas Bingham above mentioned was the father of the Thomas who was married in 1631 & grandfather of the first American Thomas; because

1. To become a master cutler required mature age & experience; & he became one in 1614 which would make the date 1631 right for a son of his to be married; & the church records show that a Thomas Bingham was then married & was the father of the first Norwich, Conn., Thomas.
2. Although my examination was not exhaustive, I still found no trace of any other than the Thomas Bingham's family, who was married in 1631, in the church records of that parish.

If, by surprise to this, our records go back to a Thomas Bingham who

15__ to 1635

Year 1635 - recorded at Stratford.

Church of St. Martin dates from 12th century - rebuilt 1658 by
bribe granted by Richard Cromwell.

2. Thomas Pinham, (alias Cooper or Cowper), late of East Ratford,
Herts, (36 miles north-east of Nottin ham. Pop. 10,000.
in 1903 - dates from 1279?)

He d. ___ ~~1635~~ Apr. 1, 1635

Children.

Mary Pinham, (alias Cooper or Cowper), dau. of Thom. Pinham,
(alias Cooper or Cowper).

Tuition (allowance for education) granted to William Den-
ham of himself.

This 2. could be the son of 1.

1618

April 1597 to ___

3. Thomas Pinham
Mar. 6 May, 1610 Elizabeth Woodhouse
died d. 28 Apr., 1631

Children

Thomas, son of Thomas, Sept. 27 Sept. 1619
d. 2 Sept. 1631

This 3. could be either 2. or a son of 2.

1637

15__ to 1646

4. Thomas Pinham, alive in 1627
His wife Margaret ___ d. 27 Aug., 1627

This 4. could be either, same as 2. or son of 2. but not same as 3.

5. A Thomas Pinham died 17 Feb. 1648

This could be 3. or 4. or 5.

1631

About 1610 to 1650

Record of St. Peter's & Holy Trinity Church, Sheffield.

6. Thomas Lingham, - number (0) in this pedigree,

mar. 6 July, 1631, Anna Stanton

Children

Abel,

Sept. 13 May, 1632

Stephen,

Sept. 26 Dec. 1633

Edward,

Sept. 20 Mar. 1635

died 16 July, 1643

Robert,

Sept. 15 Dec. 1638

Margaret,

Sept. 18 Oct. 1640

died 22 July 1641

(1) Thomas, first American settler

Sept. 1 June, 1642

Anna,

Sept. 1 Nov. 1644

died 14 Jan. 1645

1581

7. A John Lingham,

had a black mare

1. about 1580

had a child

Elizabeth, Sept. 9 Mar., 1581

8. There was a widow, an erst Lingham, who

died 26 Apr., 1586

She might have been this man's wife (?)

1603

9. Sivitors or

Sivitors Lingham died 30 Jan., 1603

1616

10. Oliver Lingham, - mar. Elizabeth Spenser,

he died 3 Aug., 1616

No will - letters of admr. on his estate granted to

Elizabeth Spenser, alias Lingham, 3 Oct., 1616

1618

11. William Lingham, alive in 1618

One of the Cutlers

The following extracts were found & made in Nov., 1919, corroborating "Bingham Genealogy, 1898", also my notes made in 1894 & previously quoted, also the notes made in 1903 by Wm. T. Bingham & previously quoted.

Parish Register of Sheffield, Yorkshire, England,

published by the Yorkshire Parish Register Society.

Copy in the New York City Public Library, 5th Ave. & 42nd St.

The Parish Church was originally S.S. Peter & Paul - then St. Peter & Holy Trinity - but now (1919) The Cathedral Church of Sheffield.

Baptisms

1578, Apl. 25 - Rosa, dau. of Thomas Bingham
1579, Dec. 25 - Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Bingham
1581-2, March 9 - Elizabeth, dau. of John Bingham
1582, Nov. 7 - Ann, dau. of Thomas Bingham
1588, Aug. 4 - Thomas, son of Thomas Bingham
1619, Sept. 22 - Thomas, son of Thomas Bingham
1632, May 14 - Abel, son of Thomas Bingham
1633, Dec. 26 - Stephen, son of Thomas Bingham
1636, March 28 - Edward, son of Thomas Bingham
1638, Dec. 11 - Robert, son of Thomas Bingham
1640, Oct. 18 - Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Bingham
1642, June 5 - THOMAS, son of Thomas Bingham
1644, Nov. 5 - Anna, dau. of Thomas Bingham
1648, July 2 - Mary, dau. of Thomas Bingham
1653, Sept. 11 - Hanna or Anna, dau. of Agel Bingham

Marriages

1577-8, Jan. 26 - Thomas Bingham & Maria Langley
1586-7, Jan. 26 - Margeria Bingham & John Hale
1598, June 6 - Benetta Bingham & Richard Taylor
1618, May 6 - Thomas Bingham & Elizabeth Woodhouse
1631, July 6 - Thomas Bingham & Anna Stenton

Burials

1586, Apl. 25 - Margaret Bingham, vid'
1586, Sept. 30 - Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Bingham
1593, Aug. 1 - Mary, wife of Thomas Bingham, alias Cooper or Cowper
1602-3, Jan. 30 - Cicely Bingham
1616, Aug. 3 - Oliver Bingham
1621, Sept. 2 - Thomas, son of Thomas Bingham
1631, Apl. 28 - Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Bingham

SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND.

At the time of his visit, in February, 1894, the visitor found the following places of value in making up the bibliography - to be sought or seen in public libraries:

1. Sheffield City Directory, 1893-94. Very useful.
2. History & Topography of Parish of Sheffield, by Joseph Hunter, London, Richard & Arthur Taylor, Grace Lane. Published by Lee, Ingles, Hughes, Watkins, Weaver & Sons, 511 City Square, 1817. This is the standard old book. There is a later & enlarged edition by Rev. Mr. Cook, D.D., London, Virtue & Co., Limited, City Road.
3. Reminiscences of Old Sheffield, by Robert H. Rogers, A.S., Sheffield, Loader & Sons, Independent Office, 1875.
4. Sheffield as it is, Historical & Descriptive Mini-Book, with map, 1852, 6s., J. Innes, Jun., 24 High St., London, Hamilton & Adams.
5. Local Register, John Thomas, 1830, pub. by Robert Loader, Sheffield. Independent, Angel St..
6. Hall of Cities, Sheffield Glossary, by Sidney Oswald Day, F.R.S., London: David Nutt, Bedford Square, W.C. Towns & Son, Cardiff, W., 1893.
7. Illustrated Guide to Sheffield, John Taylor, London & Paris - 1811, Sheffield, 1879.
8. Old Sheffield History of Area.

There were the following Libraries:

1. City Central Free Library.
2. Sheffield Library, Music Hall, Surrey St.

The church where the Connecticut Bingham records are to be found is St. Peter's & Holy Trinity parish church, High Fargate & Church Sts.

A Royal Grammar School was founded at Sheffield in 1603 A.D. by one Thomas Smith. It was incorporated by King James I in 1604. The original school was at the head of Townhead St. It is probable, or at any rate possible, that our ancestor went to this school. The records might be examined.

While the Cutlers' Company, of Sheffield, incorporated by King James I in 1619, still exists, its functions have, of course, changed. It is now rather a "swell" affair, a sort of historical club; & almost entirely composed of rich men, although there is still a strictly business side to it. Each member was in the old days a master cutler & is so still. But the President of the Company is styled The Master Cutler of Sheffield; is elected annually & gives a banquet on election something like that of the Lord Mayors of London. The Sheffield City Directory gives names & dates for all The Master Cutlers. The Bingham come in as follows:

1624 A.D., _____ Bingham.

1881 John Edward Bingham

1895 Charles Henry Bingham

} Brothers

In 1894 there were 35 Bingham in the Sheffield City Directory, among them

John Edward Bingham, Esq., J.P. (electroplate, Walker & Hall, Howard St.); lives at West Lea, Ranmoor Park Road. He was Lieut. Col. of the Sheffield Engineer Volunteers (First West York). He was made a Baronet in 1903 by King Edward VII & his title now is (Aug. 1905) Col. Sir John Bingham, Bart.

He is a fine looking, tall, sandy-complexioned man, with blue eyes. He said he had heard of the tradition that the family came from Ireland; but he took little interest in such matters. His own family came from near Chesterfield.

He was extremely courteous & celebrated our meeting by opening a bottle. He also invited me to extend my visit & stay at his house; which I regretted much that time would not permit me to do.

He also said he had met a Thomas Bingham of New York; & a David Bingham of New York & Liverpool (grain merchants).

I also met his only son, also a big fellow, who much resembled his father, named Albert E. Bingham.

Charles Henry Bingham lived at Brinklands, Cavendish Road.

Sir John came all the way over to Boston at the end of Sept. 1912, to attend the Congress of Chambers of Commerce; & to introduce the following resolution:

"that this congress agrees to the principle of a combination
"of nations, when & where possible, to endeavor to prevent the
"atrocities of war".

WILLS.

In the year 1905 an attempt was made to ascertain more about our Sheffield ancestors by writing to have Wills looked up.

There are no wills proved at Wakefield Registry before A.D. 1856. The earlier wills for the whole of Yorkshire & Nottingham are at the York Registry.

Wills may be looked for in the various Deanery Act Books. For instance, the Deanery of Nottingham. The book of the Deanery of Doncaster, which includes Sheffield, will be found at York.

York Registry

shows no will of

- a) Henry, Pingham of Sheffield, 1614
- b) Thomas Pingham, Master Cutler of Sheffield, 1624
- c) Any Thomas Pingham of Sheffield about 1658

List of Wills & Administrations. (York Registry)

or the name of Pingham found entered in the printed indices from A.D. 1389 to 1670. Also of the name Pingham found entered in the General Indices from A.D. 1624 to 1660.

A.D.

1456, Sept. 17	- William, of Basty	No will-Admr.
1464, Feb. 20	- Agnes. of Basty	Admr.
1477, May 1	- Richard, Esq., of Bilstorp, Notts	Will
1481, Sept. 14	- John, Esq., of Watnow, Bur. Belle Villa	Will
1492, May 17	- Dame Elizabeth, widow, of Nottingham	Admr.
1499, Oct. 9	- Hugh, Bur. Claworth or Arworth, Notts	Will
1521, Oct. 21	- Thomas, of Fenton, parish of Stirton	Will
	- Will dated Dec. 27, 1520	
1523, Apl. 30	- John, of Shillforth or Shelford	Will
	- Will dated Nov. 27, 1522	
1531, Jan. 31	- Richard, Gent., of Carolston, Notts	Will
	- Will dated Dec. 17, 1530	
1537, May 6	- Robert, Gent., of Grove, Notts	Will
	- Will dated Feb. 15, 1535	
1547, May 5	- Thomas, Br., of Stirton, Notts	Will
	- Will dated Feb. 7, 1546	
1548, Apl. 26	- William, of Stirton, Notts	Will
	- Will dated Dec. 16, 1547	
1552, May 12	- Margaret, widow, of Stoke, Notts	Will
	- Will dated Jan. 21, 1551	
1555, Mar. 10	- John, of Burton, Notts	Will
	- Will dated May 7, 1554	
1557, Oct. 6	- William, of Burton, Notts (in Retrograde Book)	No will-Admr.
1557, Oct. 6	- John, Bur. Colston Bassett, Notts	Will
	- Will dated Aug. 8, 1557	

A.D.

1565, Aug. 7	- John, Sr., of North Wheatley, Notts, dated June 22, 1564	Will
1565, Oct. 11	- William, bach., of Colaton Bassett, Notts, dated Feb. 15, 1565	Will
1570, June 30	- Thomas, of Lanham or Laneham, Notts, dated June 25, 1569	Will
1573, June 22	- Johan or John, of North Wheatley, Notts (in Retford book)	Admr.
1574, July 22	- Avery, of Carlton, Kingstone, Notts, freemason	Will
1591, July 22	- John, Sr., yeoman, of North Wheatley, Notts	Will
1593, July 18	- William, husbandman, of Barton or Burton-on-the-Deane, Notts	Will
1595, Apl. 25	- Adam, tailor, of London	Will
x 1597, Feb. 23	- Thomas, alias Cowper or Cooper of Sheffield (Doncaster book)	Admr.
1599, Oct. 11	- William, of Saundbye, Notts	Will
1602, May 25	- Thomas, yeoman, of North Wheatley, Notts, dated Dec. 1601	Will
1606, July 10	- Richard, of Cottam, parish of South Lever-ton (Retford book)	Admr.
1609, Jan. 20	- William, husbandman, of Colaton Bassett, Notts	Will
1611, Apl. 18	- John, husbandman, of Keyworth, Notts, dated Sep. 17, 1610	Will
x 1616, Oct. 3	- Oliver, of Sheffield. (Doncaster book)	Admr.
1618, Oct. 8	- Richard (or Robert) of Saundbye, Notts, dated Apl. 16, 1618	Will
1619, July 23	- Henry, yeoman, of Stirton, Notts, dated Jan. 12, 1617	Will
1620, Feb. 7	- Clement, of Beeston, Notts, (Nottingham book)	Admr.
1623, Jan. 15	- Hugh, of North Wheatley, Notts, (Retford book)	Will
1624, Jan. 22	- Jennett, of North Wheatley, Notts, dated Oct. 13, 1614	Will
1630-2		
1630, Mar. 1--	- Robert, of Thorneholme, dated Mar. 12, 1628	Will
1632-7		
1632, Jan. 9--	- John, son of Richard, of North Wheatley, Notts	Will
1632-7		
1632, Feb. 7	- William, yeoman, of Beeston, Notts, dated July 25, 8 CHs. (1631)	Will
# 1633, Feb. 5	- Dorothy, dau. of William of Beeston, Notts Dec. 11, fol. 89, Nottingham	
1635, Apl. 22	- George, of Mooregate (fol. 237, Retford)	
x 1635, Apl. 22	- Mary, alias Cowper or Cooper, dau. of Thos. R. alias Cowper or Cooper, of East Retford, - acc. fol. 237, Retford	
1638-9, Apl. 9	- John, yeoman, of North Wheatley, Notts, dated Sept. 28, 1637	Will
1639, Mar. 6	- John, Sr., of North Wheatley, Notts	

1639, Mar. 6 - John, Sr., of North Wheatley, Notts
Pol. 237, Retford

1639-40, Oct. - John, of Burton (on-the-Beanes?), Notts
dated June 14, 1639 Will

~~1640, Apl. 21 - John, yeoman, of North Wheatley, Notts~~

1640, Apl. 30 - Dorothy, dau. of William, of Beeston - dec. tui.

1640-1, Aug. - John, husbandman, of North Wheatley, Notts,
dated Apl. 21, 1640 Will

1646, Feb. 12 - George, Edward, Ann - children of John or
Heaton (Hayton?) Dec. tui.

1646-7 John, or Hayton (Heaton?), yeoman, Notts,
dated Sept. 21, 1644 Will

1648, Jan. 20 - Edward, of Rampton (Rampton?) - Retford Look

1650-1, Roger, of Saunby Will

1652, William, of Lownd

1665, Laurent, of Radforth

1665, John, of Ponsworth

1669-70, William, of Stirton

RECORDS OF THE CUTLERS' COMPANY Sheffield, England.

On Feb. 21, 1894, the compiler of this book copied as follows:

1614, before Dec. - A Henry Bingham, admitted as a master cutler.

1614, Dec. 21 - A Thomas Bingham, admitted as a master cutler & the
trade mark **B** granted him.

1618, Mr. William Theo. Bingham, in 1903, copied from the records, that, in 1618, a William Bingham was given the
Honorary Freedom of the Company - with eight other
citizens, lawyers, &c.

1624, A Thomas Bingham was "The Master Cutler" or President
of the Company - a position requiring considerable
means to maintain. This is likely to have been the
Thomas Bingham mentioned above.

In Dec. 1905, Mr. J. H. Dalton, Clerk to the Company, gave the following Bingham's as apprentices.

1631, William Bingham, son of John Bingham of Stirton,
husbandman. 1. to Wm. Hawre, cutler

1637, 2. to Henry Oskathorpe of Grimesthorpe,
cutler.

1637, Francis Bingham, son of John Bingham, of Ragnell, husbandman, to Jas. Houle, cutler.

1649, Henry Bingham, son of John, to Geo. Carr, cutler.

1671, John Bingham, son of George Bingham, of Eccleshall,
nailer, to Hugh Stevenson, of Walkmill-leaves, cutler.

1681, Richard Bingham, of Cliffe-field, scythesmith, was granted his freedom. Wm. T. Bingham adds his trade mark
& notes that this mark was on the following date reserved for Richard's son, Jeremiah.

R.B.

1689, - Asaac (Isaac) Bingham, son of John Bingham, of Norton, scythesmith, to Robert Wainwright, of Norton Lees, scythesmith.

1697, John Bingham, son of Richard Bingham, of Norton, to Robert Wainwright above said.

1701, Isaac Bingham, granted his freedom. Mr. Wm. T. Bingham says that the records show that on

1701, July 26 - his trade mark was registered. (It looks like the "W" of "Wainwright" turned upside down). M
IB

1703, May 27 - Mr. Wm. T. Bingham further gives from the records Jeremiah Bingham trade mark B
J cutler

1705, Oct. 27 - John Bingham trade mark R.B. scythesmith

1720, Feb. 27 - John Bingham trade mark granted W
3I

1748, John Bingham, filesmith, master cutler

1749, Nov. 25 - John Bingham, Jr., silversmith, registered, trade mark ?

A special edition of the records of The Cutlers' Company of Sheffield, England, has been published & a copy placed in the Library of Congress.

RECORDS IN ENGLAND 1903

In 1903, Mr. Wm. T. Bingham (4-992-880) visited Sheffield, England, & vicinity & examined records of

- a) St. Peter's & Holy Trinity parish church at Sheffield for marriages, baptisms & deaths from 1560 to 1700.
- b) The Cutlers' Company of Sheffield.
- c) The records of St. Mary's & All Souls' Church at Bingham. These are with the rector. They do not go further back than 1598 (or 1506?).
- d) The records at Nottingham which, however, do not go far enough back. They are with the Town Clerk.
- e) At Newark lived Mr. Cornelius Brown, editor of the "Newark Advertiser", very learned in ancient lore. He has printed two & perhaps more books. He was sure that the original name was "Bing", still existing but rare in England; & that the name came over with one of the Saxon or Danish raiders, very likely from the same stock as "Bingen". This agrees with the result of my own studies & results in the fact that all Binghames of the present day are descendants of men of other names

who took the name from the lands (Bingham means "home of the Bings")

r) York - Walls, including Sheffield. 1594-1670

The Doncaster Deanery book is at York.

PART 2

PART

II

~~Section D~~

Saybrook - Conn.

Norwich - Conn.

~~Wethersfield~~

Windham - Conn.

Compiled from the books of

Miss F. M. Calkins

Miss Mary E. Perkins

Miss Larned

& from old deeds & wills & the old original records at
Willimantic, Conn.

Sept. 1, 1909

I am indebted to Sir Courtenay Walter Bennett, British Consul General in New York City (1908-9) for much of the following information.

Under date of May 12, 1909, Sir Courtenay communicates the following, received from Judge William Hamersley:

1620 A.D. The "Council established at Plymouth in the county of Devon for the planting of New York in America", often called the "Plymouth Company" was erected by the patent granted 3 Nov. 1620 by King James I (1603-1625) to forty patentees named, including Robert, Earl of Warwick but not Lord Saye & Sele. Copy of this patent will be found in appendix to Vol. I of Trumbull's History of Connecticut, republished by H. D. Utley, New London, Conn., in 1898.

In pursuance of this patent, the Colony of Massachusetts Bay was established.

1631 A.D. It is claimed that the Earl of Warwick, President of the "Council of Plymouth" (or Plymouth Company), on March 19, 1631 (King Charles I 1625-49) granted a patent of lands, including a large part of the present State of Connecticut, to Lord Saye & Sele, Lord Brook & others. Copy of this latter patent, also to be found as above mentioned.

Governor Winthrop & George Fenwick claimed land & jurisdiction in Connecticut under the grantees named in this latter patent but its genuineness is still a contested question, according to Judge William Hamersley, who adds that no incorporated company was organized under its provisions.

1635-6 Note by T. A. M. The incontrovertible fact remains, however, that there was founded, at the mouth of the Connecticut River, in 1635-6, & remains to this day (1909), a town called Say-Brook, after the two lords above mentioned; & that, between 1630 & 1670, a number of emigrants from England landed there & maintained the settlement.

Sir Courtenay Bennett, at this point, says Wort's History of Plymouth (England) contains the following:

"Conspicuous in the annals of English colonization in North America, is the name of the Plymouth Company. Yet there is no portion in our local history about which information is more fragmentary. Plymouth, herseir, yields but one single trace in her records of the existence & operations of this once notable organization, which undertook & partially accomplished the settlement of New England".

Under date of June 29, 1909, Sir Courtenay adds:

"The Mayor of Plymouth informs me that he is unable to secure any further information concerning the Company in the Plymouth records".

Under date of Dec. 5, 1905, the U.S. Deputy Consul at Plymouth, Mr. Stephens says:

"A careful investigation of the records on file at

"the Guildhall, Plymouth, shows no record whatever x x x

"In fact, I am informed by those in a position to know that ~~there~~

"there never were any records kept which would give the least light on
"the Pilgrims or the vessels by which they sailed".

Judge William Hamersley says at this point: "The records of this "Company (Council of Plymouth or "Plymouth Company"), may be found in England in the custody of some government office".

Under date of Jan. 2, 1906, the U.S. Deputy Consul at Plymouth, Mr. Stephens, writes that he had a personal interview with the Collector of Customs of Plymouth &

1. Board of Trade Offices, No. 1 Whitehall, London
2. Register General of Seamen, Carley's Place, London

In a letter dated March 9, 1908, Hon. Whitman Held, U.S.

Ambassador to England, says:

"So far as I have any reason to know, the Saye & Seie papers are
"either kept at the seat of the family, Broughton Castle, Banbury,
"Oxfordshire or could best be traced from there. The family name is
"Fiennes. The present Lord Saye & Seie has only recently come into
"possession of the property; & it is still under lease to a younger
"brother of the Duke of Richmond & Gordon. Some years ago I (Mr. Reid)
"saw an old patent at Broughton Castle, signed by King Charles II
"(1660-85) restoring the property to the family (Saye & Seie) after it
"had been confiscated because they took the Parliamentary side in the
"Civil War. I also saw numbers of the old papers of that day; such as
"the list of members of the regiment raised in that county by Lord
"Saye & Seie & led by him in some of the battles, including, I think,
"Eisenhill."

Elsewhere in this book I have given reasons why the father of Thomas Bingham, first Connecticut settler, was probably a Cromwellian. Lord Saye & Sele was the same.

After Cromwell's death, when England was no longer safe for those who had been opposed to the King, what more natural than that the said Thomas Bingham, Cromwellian, should have sailed to the colony of Lord Saye & Sale, another Cromwellian?

Recall also that the said Thomas was a master cutler & had, no doubt, thrived during the troublous times when his political party was uppermost. He certainly had sufficient means to buy into the colony; & while it seems probable that he died on the passage out, his wife & youngest son did arrive; & his widow married Backus soon after.

Mr. Reia continues:

"It is therefore reasonable to infer that there are probably papers at Broughton Castle also relating to the Saybrook, Conn. settlement. I fear however you will find no indexes & the task of hunting would be laborious".

Another plan would be to engage H.F. Stevens & Brown, No. 4, Trafalgar Square, London W.C., to make the search.

- A.D.
1620, In 1620 the Council of Plymouth was incorporated by King James I (1603-25) & authorized to dispense grants & patents in New England. Lord Saye & Sele & Lord Brook purchased a patent, for what is now Connecticut, from Robert, Earl of Warwick, the president of said Council, in 1631.
- 1631, Thomas Bingham, father of Thomas, first Connecticut settler, married in Sheffield, England, Ann Stenton in 1631.
- 1635-6 The Town of Saybrook was founded at the mouth of the Connecticut river in 1635-6.
- 1642 Thomas Bingham, first Connecticut settler, was baptized at Sheffield, England, in 1642.
- The civil war between King Charles I & the Parliament was now getting under way.
- 1646-60 Rev. James Fitch was minister at Saybrook from 1646 to 1660.
- 1647 Capt. John Mason, who had been very successful in building Windsor, Conn. & Dorchester, Mass., came by request to Saybrook in 1647 to help build up that colony.
- Mr. Hoadley, the State Librarian of Connecticut, informed me (1896) that there were no records of the beginnings of original Saybrook now known to exist. They are supposed to have been burned in a fire at the fort. There is in the State Library at Hartford a book of later records & a manuscript copy of certain Saybrook land records, running back to about 1650. These are, however, meagre. Scattered here & there through these land records, are other entries & some of baptisms; but among these latter are no Backuses nor Binkums.
- 1650 There is one record of a Town Meeting, held Jan. 7, 1655-6, at which were present persons of the following future Norwich names: viz.,
- | | | |
|----------|-------------|------------|
| Agate | Rudd | Huntington |
| Edgerton | Backus | Tracy |
| Post | Leffingwell | |
- 1658-9 Meanwhile, Cromwell had conquered; & ruled in England; & died 1658-9.
- 1659 In 1659, Mrs. Ann (Stenton) Bingham & her youngest son Thomas, 17 years old, arrived in Saybrook. Tradition in one branch of the family says that the father had died on the passage out.
- Did they sail from Plymouth or London?
Why did they come? What became of the rest of the family? See under "O" (page _)
- They found an important plan under discussion, this year of 1659. A large number of the Saybrook people, led by Capt. John Mason, the successful colony builder & Rev. James Fitch were planning to leave Saybrook & settle at what is

We know in a general way that the Saybrook people had been ~~in~~ in the habit of sailing into the Thames river, as it is now called; & running up it some 15 miles to a cove, which was later on the southern boundary of Norwich & which was called "Trading Cove" long prior to settlement.

The Mohican Indians had a fort near this cove; & as far back as 1645 had been attacked there by their enemies the Narragansetts. Uncas the Mohican chief sent a runner to his friends the English at Saybrook, asking provisions & aid. Thomas Loringwell loaded a canoe & relieved Uncas.

This shows a rather intimate acquaintance between Saybrook & the site of the future Norwich, which was a rolling, well-watered & well-wooded hunting country, back at a safe distance of 15 miles from the mouth of the river - as compared with the flat, salt, marshy Saybrook, directly on the ocean shore & infested with mosquitoes & malaria, as it is to this day.

A.D. In May, 1659, application had been made to the General Court ~~of the Colony of Connecticut~~ of Connecticut for permission to settle at Norwich. Sanctioned by enactment at Hartford May 20, 1659. No copy of the petition has been preserved. A list of the signers would be invaluable.

In June 1659 a deed was obtained from the Mohican Indian chief Uncas to 9 miles square for £70.0.0. Surveys & allotments were made.

Perhaps a little later, but at any rate about this time, the widow Bingham had chosen among her suitors. (for she was not only a widow but had property) & had chosen with propriety. She married William Backus, Sr., himself a widower with grown children. He & young Thomas Bingham were among the original proprietors of Norwich.

On Aug. 15, 1659 a further deed or cession was obtained from Uncas & his brother - perhaps an amended deed with better boundaries.

1663 The original deed of Norwich is not extant. A copy was, however, recorded at Hartford in March, 1663. The bounds were reviewed & renewed in Oct. 1683 & there was a new deed signed Oct. 5, 1685 by the Indians & the settlers.

The new settlement at Norwich actually took place in the Spring of 1660. Among the original settlers were

William Backus, Sr., - wife, Ann (Stanton) Bingham

Thomas Bingham, stepson of William Backus, Sr., "alone" - that is, having no wife nor children.

It is not known how the name "Norwich" came to be adopted.

Mr. Wm. Backus, Sr., said to have been the oldest settler & the first to die in the new settlement, is said to have come from ^(as did also the two Huntington brothers) Norwich, England, & perhaps the name was given out of compliment to him. It is probable some one or more of the settlers did come from Old Norwich. This name was first used officially in March, 1660-1. Before that the place was called "Monhegan".

The word Norwich is Northwic - a Saxon name meaning North-castle. Here, refer to Miss Caulkins' History of Norwich which has a map showing the lay-out of the village lots to the original proprietors, 1660.

The lot assigned to young Thomas Bingham was "four acres, a strip running from the street to the river". His mother, now Mrs. William Bacaus, Sr., lived about half a mile east of her son, on the road leading to the present Norwich city. In Nov., 1919, the following exact description was found at Norwich, Conn., in the Town Clerk's office.

"Book of Grants, page 138 - (entered in 1692)

"Lands belonging unto Thomas Bingham of Norwich & his heirs & assigns.

" 1) His house lot, 4 acres more or less, abutting

" a) Northerly, on the highway	15 rods
" b) Easterly, on home lot of Serg't. Thomas Waterman	32 rods
" c) Southerly, on the (Yantic) river	16 rods
" d) Westerly, on the land of John Post	44 rods
" lay'd out in 1659"	

Then follows a list of other lands amounting to much more than 265 acres additional.

1659

Norwich Town - Conn.
Some Proprietors' original Home lots
Recorded in office of City Clerk.

It would appear that, while the original proprietors no doubt received written deeds to their lands, there was probably, at the beginning, no Book of Records in which these were "recorded". To this day in England there is little "recording" of deeds, in an official book record - the deed in possession of the owner being the only proof of title.

At a later date such a book of records was begun at Norwich, no doubt made up from the deeds in owners' possession. But by that time some owners were unable to produce their deeds; which may have been mislaid or lost or possibly, in some instances, destroyed.

Hence the names of "Bowers" & "Wade" & "Atell" are not found in the "Book of Grants", although all were early if not original owners. They are however mentioned in ~~later~~ later deeds.

Owing to omissions & disagreements in the old records, it will probably be found impossible to obtain the "metes & bounds" of all the original lots & their exact locations.

A Town vote was taken January 24, 1681 in regard to the deficiency in the original records & "where dates could not be got at". On the margin of the page is written (Town Votes, Book 1, page 5)

"chosen to search Oridgonall Dates - Lefftenant Leffingwell,
"Thomas Adgate, John Post".

On page 6 of same book, is recorded another vote of December 25, 1684, stating that they "have cause to think there is a deficiency in our

"oridgonall records, as appears by a Town vote on page 5" and

"as to the right of many lands we doe acknowledge the old

"records to be true to the best we can come at, therefore we
"confirm it".

MAJOR JOHN MASON

Book of Grants

page 1

His home lot, eight acres more or less, abutting

North - on the Town street	(estimated)	(18.50) rods
Easterly - on the Town street	(estimated)	(31.50) rods
Southerly - on the River	(estimated)	(34.00) rods
Westerly - on the home lot of Serg't. Thomas Waterman,		30.00 rods
Northwesterly - on the Town street	(estimated)	(32.20) rods

Laid out November, 1659

ENSIGN THOMAS WATERMAN

Book of Grants

page 251

His home lot, seven acres more or less, abutting

North - on the highway	36.00 rods
East, on the home lot of Cap't. John Mason	30.00 rods
South - on the River	32.00 rods
West - on the home lot of Thomas Bingham	37.00 rods

Laid out November, 1659

THOMAS BINGHAM

Book of Grants

page 138

His home lot, four acres more or less, abutting

Northerly - on the highway	15.00 rods
Easterly - on the home lot of Thomas Waterman	32.00 rods
Southerly - on the River	16.00 rods
Westerly - on the land of John Post	44.00 rods

Laid out _____, 1659

JOHN POST

Book of Grants

page 87

His home lot, six acres more or less, abutting

Northerly - on the Town street	21.00 rods
Easterly - on the land of Thomas Bingham	46.00 rods
Southerly - on the River	17.00 rods
Westerly - on the land of John Birchard - "a crooked line"	64.00 rods

Laid out November, 1659

"the way out of his meadow to his barn for his

"conveniency he hath purchased of me Ric. Bushnell

"and paid for it in the year 1701".

Note - Richard Bushnell, born 1652, did not have an original lot, certainly not in this part of the Town; nor did his son, Caleb Bushnell, who was not born until May 26, 1679.

JOHN BIRCHARD

Book of Grants

page 38

His home lot, seven & one-quarter acres more or less.

(Date of laying out not recorded - entered Jan. __, 1703/4)

It is a) 16 rods & 11 feet in width at the front (Town street?) 16.70 rods

b) 14 rods & 3 feet in width at the rear (River?) 14.20 rods

c) 76 rods & 12 feet in length through the middle of the lot, from the street to the River 76.75 rods

d) A wild cherry tree standing in the line, near the River - bounded westerly with the land of Serg't. Caleb Abell - a straight line from the street to the River - the said wild cherry tree stands in this line between Caleb Abell & "he" (Birchard)

e) Bounded easterly with the land of John Post from the River.

A white oak staddle standing in the line near the River.

A straight line to the brow of the hill, where his cart-path comes up towards his barn;

And then the line runs upon the brow of the hill & so to his barn.

Leaving his cart-way convenient for him to come up out of his lot to his barn.

f) And from thence (from his barn) bounded northerly on the land of said Post, to the corner of the fence -

g) And from said corner, where the fence now stands, bounded easterly on the land of said Post, as the fence now stands - to the corner of the street.

John Post for himself & his heirs, doth give free liberty to Caleb "Bushnell" or his assigns, to pass & repass through his yard into the above said lot.

Mrs. Elisha E. Rogers (Edna Miner) of 99 Division St., Norwich, here remarks:

"Caleb Bushnell" is undoubtedly a mistake for Caleb Abell.

"Caleb Bushnell has many parcels of land recorded but was not an original settler, as he was too young; - & moreover a search revealed no land of his in this lot of Birchard's & Post's.

Book of Deeds-Vol. 2A-page 29

1698/9 - Feb. 27

John Birchard, Sr., of Norwich, Conn., with consent of his wife Jane Birchard, for £ 60.0.0 in silver money & a dwelling house & barn, to be built & finished in the Town of Lebanon, Conn., deeded to John Elderkin of Norwich all our home lot, containing seven acres more or less; & is situate, lying & being in the town of Norwich aforesaid, with the dwelling house, barn, orchard, well, fences. The said home lot is bounded

Northerly - by the Town street

Easterly - by the land of John Post

Southerly - by the River

Westerly - by land formerly belonging to Robert Wade

ROBERT WADE

The west boundary above referred to under John Birchard, first as Abell - & in 1699 as "formerly" Wade, was on Wade's original home lot.

Wade exchanged home lots with Abell on Jan. 1, 1677, by which deed we identify Wade's original home lot. (See Book of Deeds, Vol. 1, page 459 - given under Caleb Abell, next following).

The "metes & bounds" of Wade's original home lot are therefore those given for what was, in 1692, Caleb Abell's lot (sometimes called his home lot), which he had gotten in 1677 from Wade by exchange - as follows:

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page 212

Robert Wade's original home lot, seven acres more or less, abutting

Northeasterly - on the Town street	16.00 rods
- on the River	18.00 rods
Southerly - on the home lot of John Birchard	74.00 rods
Northwesterly - on the home lot of Morgan Bowers	72.00 rods

Laid out November, 1659

Sold (exchanged) to Caleb Abell, Jan. 1, 1677

Entered Jan. __, 1692

The "exchange" also included a parcel of land over the river.

CALEB ABELL

Born about	1647	45 years old in	1692
12 years old in	1659	55 years old in	1702
21 years old in	1668	Died in	1731
30 years old in	1677		

His original home lot was North of the Town street & east of Hammer Brook, perhaps on the road leading north, opposite the home lots of Gager & Thomas Port.

It was of six acres (See deed of exchange with Robert Wade, dated Jan. 1, 1677, recorded in Book of Deeds, Vol. 1, page 459).

It is approximately located but not exactly "bounded" in a list of Samuel Griswold's property, entered apparently on Dec. 8, 1702, as follows:
Book of Grants

page 194-5th item Sixteen acres & one-half of pasture land more or less, lying in the crotch of Hammer brook, abutting

Northerly - on the home lot of Robert Wade which was formerly Caleb Abell's	32.00 rods
Easterly - on the home lot of Nehemiah Smith and Commons	64.00 rods
Southwesterly - on the home lot of Thomas Howard	56.00 rods
Westerly - on the highway	52.00 rods

"which was his father's (Francis Griswold) pasture lot".

The above is all that seems available at present (Jan., 1920) in regard to CALEB ABELL'S original home lot. Next comes the following Book of Deeds, Vol. 1, page 459

A.D. 1677, Jan. 1

Robert Wade of Norwich, Conn., with consent of his wife Susanna Wade, by way of exchange, conveyed to Caleb Abell of Norwich, "my home lot & orchard, with all such buildings & fences as do thereunto belong, with the double tanfatt (tanvat) which was used for the Lymes" (possibly meaning used at the settlement of Lyme, Conn., on the east side of Connecticut river, opposite to Saybrook, Conn., whence came the original settlers of Norwich).
"and the single fatt (vat) next unto it & the pond as it is now done, with the sluices & flowess (?) belonging to it". Also a piece of land across the river from the home lot.

The above was exchanged for "the home lot of Caleb Abell, of six acres, with the dwelling house now standing upon it, the well, orchard as it is now planted &c" and Margaret Abell, wife of Caleb, consents.

Deed acknowledged same day, Jan. 1, 1677

About 15 years later we have the following

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page 212

Entered Jan. __, 1692

Lands of Caleb Abell

His home lot, seven acres more or less, abutting	
Northeasterly - on the Town street	16.00 rods
Southerly - on the home lot of John Birchard	74.00 rods
- on the River	18.00 rods
Northwesterly - on the home lot of Morgan Bowers	72.00 rods

Also a parcel of land over the river.

Laid out November, 1659 - Entered Jan. __, 1692 - Purchased of Robert Wade as by deed appears (that exchange in 1677).

MORGAN BOWERS

There appears to be no record of his original home lot as such; but we find what it was from the following

Book of Deeds, Vol. 2A

page 255

Morgan Bowers of Norwich, Conn., with consent of
A.D. 1696, Apl. 15 his wife Sarah, sold to Caleb Abell of Norwich, "my

"home lot in the Town of Norwich, containing about
"nine acres of meadow, upland & pasture, for £ 60.0.0, abutting
Easterly end - on the Town street (estimated) (21.00) rods
Southeasterly side - on the home lot of said Caleb Abell
Southerly end - on the River (estimated) (21.00) rods
Northwesterly side - on the home lot of John Gadger

JOHN GADGER (or Gager)

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His home lot, eleven & one-half acres more or less,
of upland, meadow & waste land, abutting

Northeastwardly - on the Town street	27.00 rods
East & southwardly - on land of Morgan Bowers	70.00 rods
Southwesterly - on the River, 20 rods & 6 feet	20.40 rods
West & northwesterly - on land of Thomas Post,	
"being a Bowing line, six feet"	77.00 rods

Laid out November, 1659

This with two other parcels entered Jan. __, 1690-1700

THOMAS POST

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Hannah Post-the one-half of the home lot, containing
six acres, which was her father Thomas Post's, abutting

	--on the Town street, 10 rods & 4 feet	10.25 rods
Easterly	- on land of John Gager, it being a	
	crooked (Bowing) line six feet	76.00 rods
Southerly	- on the River	15.50 rods
Westerly	- on land of Richard Edgerton	74.00 rods

"The burying place is excepted & a way to it".

"The one-half-the rest belongs to her & the other half to her sister
"Mary". (A second parcel lay "over the river against the home lot" -
one-half to Hannah & the other half to Mary Post her sister)

Delivered & ordered to be recorded by her mother Mrs. Rebecca
Post, administratrix to the estate of her father Thomas Post.

Laid out November, 1659

Entered April 7, 1711

Note - the first burying place was in this lot.

RICHARD EDGERTON

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His home lot, six acres more or less, abutting
 Northeast - on the highway, 12 rods & 12 feet 12.75 rods
 Southeast - on land of Thomas Post
 Southwest - on the River, 10 rods & 10 feet 10.67 rods
 Northwest - on land of (Ensign) William Backus (Jr.)

Laid out November, 1659

Ensign WILLIAM BACKUS, Jr.

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His home lot, six acres more or less, abutting

Easterly - on the Town street, 11 rods & 2 feet 11.10 rods
 - on the home lot of Richard Edgerton,
 to the River 81.00 rods
 Southerly & westerly - on the River, 12 rods & 4 feet 12.25 rods
 West & northerly - on the home lot of Hugh Calkin 80.00 rods

Laid out "April", 1659 - (this must be a mistake for November, 1659;
 because the Deed of Norwich Purchase was not dated until June 6,
 1659).

Entered July 2, 1697.

HUGH CALKIN

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His home lot, six acres more or less, abutting

5th item Northerly - on the Town street 13.00 rods
 Easterly & southerly - on land of Ensign
 William Backus 82.00 rods
 Southwardly - on the River 8.00 rods
 Northwesterly - on land of John Calkin 81.00 rods

Laid out November, 1659

The Connecticut Quarterly, Vol. 3 (year 1897), pp. 298 & 441, article by
 Burrell W. Hyde, says "Deacon Hugh Calkin's home lot was next east of
 "his son John Calkin".

JOHN CALKIN (he had a son John)

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His home lot, four & three-quarter acres more or less,
 abutting

Easterly - on the Town street 10.50 rods
 Southerly - on the home lot of Hugh Calkin 65.00 rods
 Westerly - on a highway 4.00 rods
 Northwest & north - on the highway, "a crooked line" 73.00 rods

Laid out November, 1659.

Entered Feb. 9, 1693/4

The Conn. Quarterly (as above) says - "John Calkin's
 "home lot was on the corner of West Town Street & Quarter
 "Lane (Wauwecus Hill road)".

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His home lot, seven & one-quarter acres more or less,
abutting

Northerly - on the Town street	23.75 rods
Easterly - on the highway	60.00 rods
Southwesterly - on the River	20.50 rods
Westerly - on the land of Robert Allyn	51.00 rods

The entry was made Jan. __, 1692, under

heading of Samuel Griswold, with the following remark

"which was his father's home lot, laid out November, 1659".

The Conn. Quarterly (as above) says

"the ancestral Griswold homestead was on the west side of

"Wauwecus Hill road, now called Quarter Lane".

Norwich Town - Conn.

from Meeting House Plain toward "Bean Hill" (Westville)
Survey notes of Wm. Lester, Jr. for his map of
1833

Magnetic Declination - $6^{\circ} 27'$ West
(courtesy of Chas. E. Chandler, Esq.)

Hartford Turnpike

Begin on bank of Yantic River at
Lathrop's bridge

N. $15^{\circ} 00'$ E. - 36 rods to south apex
of the Green
N. $48^{\circ} 20'$ W. - 18.52 rods to Dr. Strong's
meeting house & Union hotel
S. $74^{\circ} 20'$ W. - 32.20 rods
N. $62^{\circ} 00'$ W. - 25.40 rods
N. $86^{\circ} 45'$ W. - 20.00 rods
N. $42^{\circ} 00'$ W. - 13.60 rods
N. $11^{\circ} 45'$ W. - 25.20 rods
N. $46^{\circ} 00'$ W. - 68 rods to Hammer brook
106 rods to end of course
N. $26^{\circ} 45'$ W. - 40.00 rods to road to
Quarter bridge & Wauwecus Hill

S. $36^{\circ} 00'$ W. - 93.80 rods
S. $42^{\circ} 30'$ W. - 73.80 rods to Quarter
Bridge (Yantic River)
108 rods to end of course
S. $49^{\circ} 15'$ W. - 28.00 rods to road

Courses eastward fromDr. Strong's meeting house

N. $57^{\circ} 15'$ E. - 50.80 rods to school
S. $81^{\circ} 20'$ E. - 58.40 rods to brook
N. $87^{\circ} 25'$ E. - 22.20 rods to Scotland
road
N. $66^{\circ} 45'$ E. - 18.00 rods to road to
and over "Ok Hill"

Course of Yantic River

Begin at river bank (Lathrop's bridge)
as before

Note - there is another Lathrop's bridge
on the east side of Norwich.

N. $87^{\circ} 45'$ W. - 81.80 rods
N. $59^{\circ} 40'$ W. - 53.28 rods to Hammer brook
N. $58^{\circ} 30'$ W. - 15.40 rods
N. $31^{\circ} 05'$ W. - 29.00 rods
~~N. $22^{\circ} 45'$ W. - 10.00 rods~~
N. $47^{\circ} 15'$ W. - 29.76 rods
N. $71^{\circ} 15'$ W. - 20.00 rods
N. $59^{\circ} 30'$ W. - 28.00 rods
N. $15^{\circ} 30'$ W. - 21.68 rods
N. $17^{\circ} 20'$ W. - 16.00 to Quarter Bridge

Road to Norwich

from South apex of the Green
S. $42^{\circ} 40'$ E. - 44.60 rods
S. $50^{\circ} 45'$ E. - 14.00 rods to brook

Road to Scotland

Begin at intersection of Norwich &
Woodstock turnpikes, near Avery's
old store

~~N. $2^{\circ} 00'$ E. - 35.60 rods~~
N. $2^{\circ} 00'$ E. - 35.60 rods
N. $61^{\circ} 15'$ W. - 14.00 rods
N. $14^{\circ} 30'$ E. - 24.00 rods

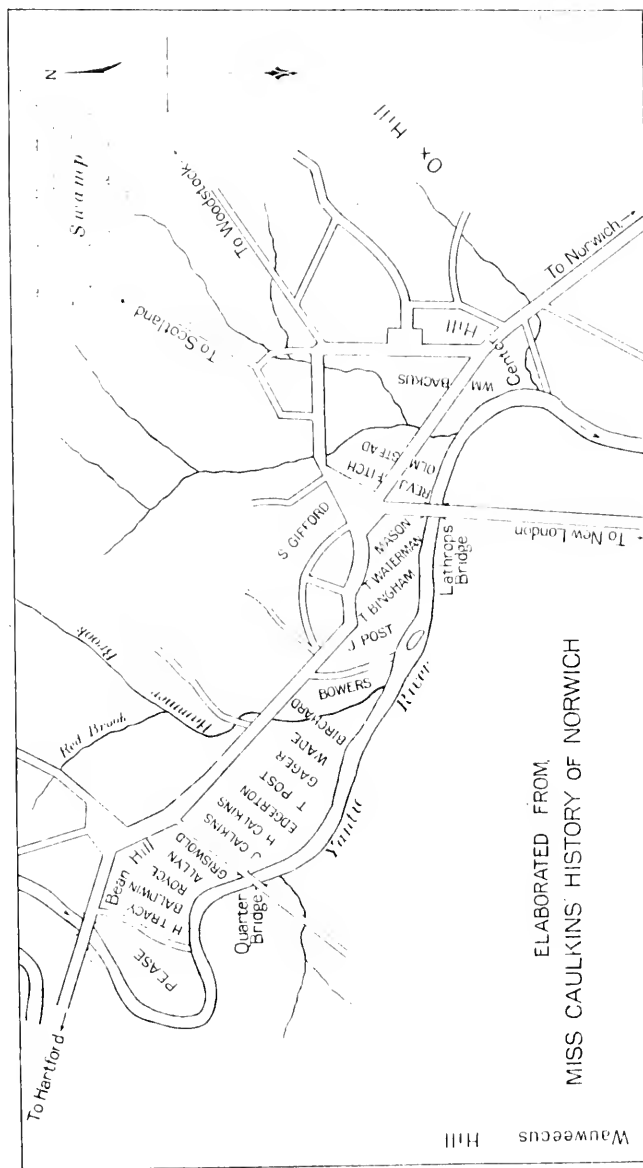
Road commencing at Townsend's store, 30 rods northeasterly from Dr.
Strong's meeting house & terminating in the Scotland road.

N. $3^{\circ} 45'$ E. - 17.20 rods
N. $41^{\circ} 00'$ E. - 15.60 rods
N. $28^{\circ} 40'$ E. - 22.00 rods

Comparison of Distances

From Mason's East Line	How Lot Fronts as recorded	Lester's Notes
<u>ALONG the RIVER</u>	Mason (est.) (34.00) rods	
	T. Waterman 32.00 rods	81.80 rods
	T. Bingham 16.00 rods	
	J. Post 17.00 rods	53.28 rods
	J. Birchard 14.00 rods	
113.00		135.08
To "Hammer Brook"	Wade-Abell 18.00 rods	15.40 rods
	M. Bowers (est.) (21.00) rods	29.90 rods
	J. Gager 20.00 rods	29.76 rods
	T. Post 15.50 rods	20.00 rods
	R. Edgerton 10.00 rods	28.00 rods
	Wm. Backus, Jr. 12.00 rods	21.68 rods
	H. Calkin 8.00 rods	16.00 rods
217.50 rods		294.92 rods
diff. -77.42		
<u>ALONG TOWN STREET</u>	Mason (est.) (18.52) rods	18.52 rods
	Mason (est.) (32.20) rods	32.20 rods
	T. Waterman 36.00 rods	25.40 rods
	T. Bingham 15.00 rods	20.00 rods
	J. Post 21.00 rods	13.60 rods
	J. Birchard 16.75 rods	25.20 rods
	Wade-Abell 16.00 rods	68.00 rods
155.47 rods		202.92 rods
To "Hammer Brook"	M. Bowers (est.) (21.00) rods	
	J. Gager 27.00 rods	
	T. Post 10.00 rods	38.00 rods
	R. Edgerton 12.00 rods	
	Wm. Backus, Jr. 11.00 rods	40.00 rods
	H. Calkin 13.00 rods	
259.97 rods		280.92 rods
diff. -20.95		
To "Quarter Lane"		

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NORWICH TOWN, CONN.
 SOME PROPRIETORS' ORIGINAL HOME LOTS



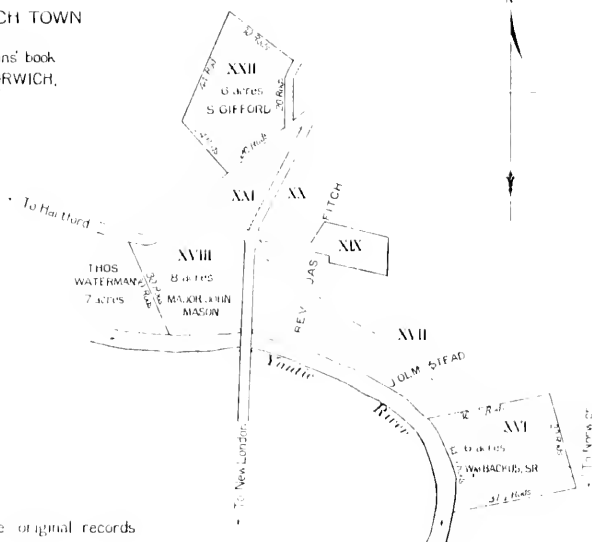
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 MISS CAULKINS' HISTORY OF NORWICH

— NOTES —
 Bowers is not correctly located on above sketch. He should be between Wade and Gager. Also, Ensign Wm Backus, Jr is missing. He should be between H. Caulkins and Edgerton.

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NORWICH TOWN, CONN. SOME PROPRIETORS' ORIGINAL HOME LOTS

ELABORATED FROM
MAP OF STREETS - NORWICH TOWN
- 1705
published in Miss Mary E Perkins' book
"ANTIENT HOUSES & C" of NORWICH,
1895



XVI William Backus, first home lot, 1659 - then to his son Stephen -
In 1705 occupied by Ensign Thomas Leifingwell.

XVII Rev James Fitch, part of home lot, 1659
In 1705 occupied by John Waterman.

XVIII Major John Mason, home lot, 1659.

XIX Rev James Fitch, part of home lot, 1659 -
In 1699 set off for burying ground

XX Rev. James Fitch, part of home lot, 1659 - later to his son.

XXI Meeting House Plain -
In 1705 old meeting house still standing

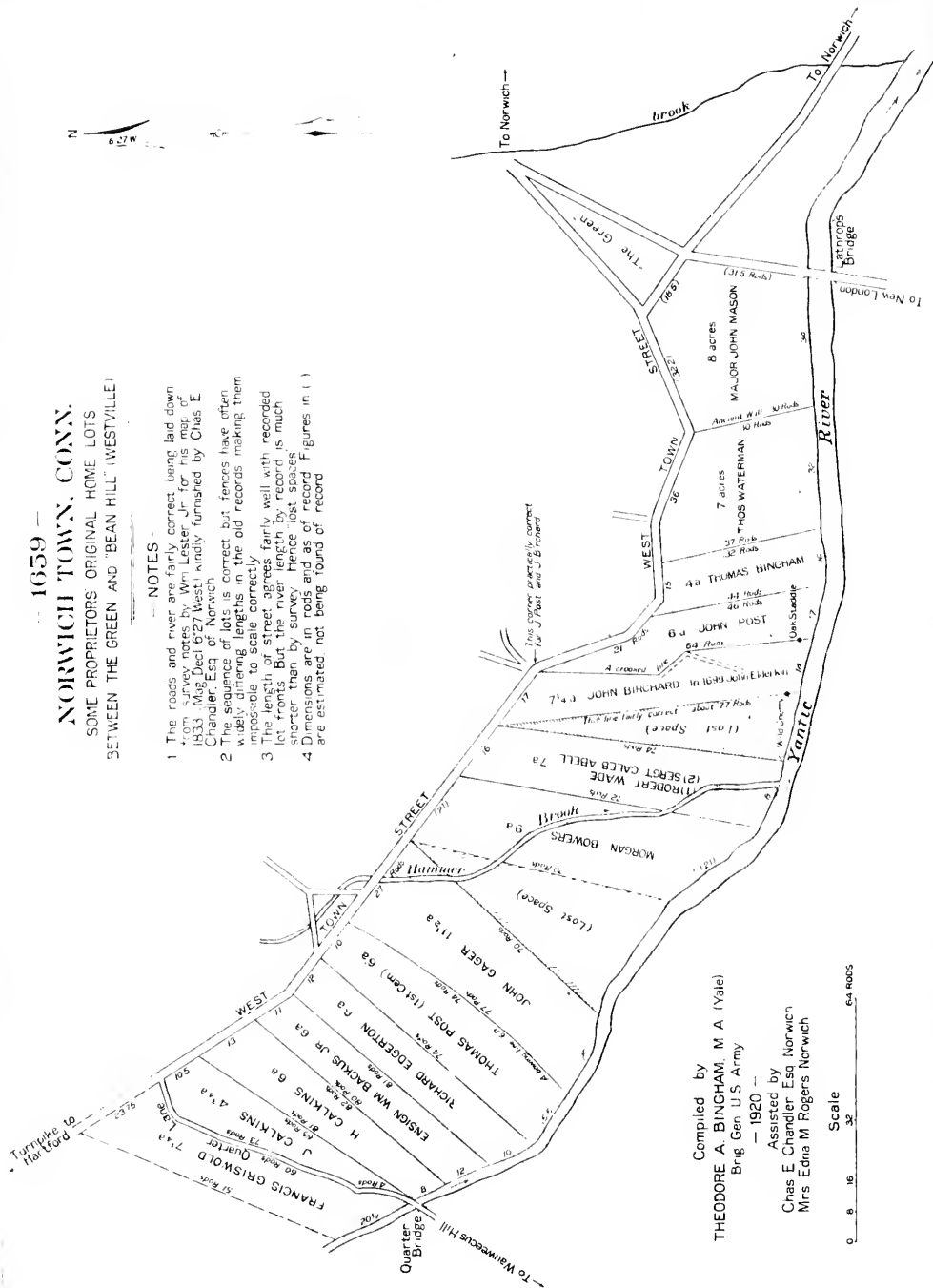
XXII Stephen Gifford, home lot, 1659 - later parsonage land

1659 — NORWICH TOWN, CONN.

SOME PROPRIETORS ORIGINAL HOME LOTS
BETWEEN THE GREEN AND "BEAN HILL" (WESTVILLE)

NOTES —

- 1 The roads and river are fairly correct being laid down from survey notes by Wm Lester Jr for his map of 1833 (Mag Dec 1627 West) kindly furnished by Chas E Chandler, Esq of Norwich
- 2 The sequence of lots is correct but fences have often widely differing lots in the old records making them impossible to scale correctly
- 3 The dimensions of the lots are fairly well with recorded dimensions at the ends of the lots. But the river is much shorter than by survey hence last spaces
- 4 Dimensions are in rods and as of record. Figures in () are estimated not being found of record



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0 8 16 32 64 RODS

WINDHAM, CONN.

The Mohegan chief, Uncas, gave to his third son, Joshua, the land between "Appaquago" & Willimantic rivers. Joshua died in 1676 & left a will bequeathing this land to Capt. John Mason of Norwich & 15 other colonists "in trust for a plantation".

A.D. In May, 1678, the General Assembly of Conn. accepted the will
1678 & allowed the Norwich legatees to have these lands, which were later incorporated as the township of Windham.

1682 The legatees met in Norwich Feb. 17, 1682 & signed an agreement among themselves.

1685 They met again in Feb., 1685 & agreed to settle in three places & determined a general plan.

1686 Surveys & divisions were completed in the Spring of 1686. The lay-out was in 48 shares, each of 1000 acres. Each share included a home lot in one of the three places designed for villages - Also, meadow, pasture & upland in various localities. The sites selected for villages were

- 1) The "South-east quarter" or "Hither Place" (because nearest to Norwich) - now Old Windham; - located on the west side of Old Windham Street.
- 2) The "Ponds Place", north-west of "Hither Place" & now Mansfield Center.
- 3) The valley of the Willimantic river, near the site of the present city of Willimantic, west of "Hither Place" & in the "Crotch" of the Willimantic & Mashaug rivers (forming the Shetucket river).

1686, May 1, The legatees met to receive their allotments.

1687 It was ordered that the "Hither Place" be fenced in but the drought was such that it could not be done.

1688, Autumn Came the first settler, John Cates, an English refugee, flying from the spies of Sir Edmund Andros; - & a man whom tradition represents as a high political offender, a Commonwealth soldier & even a regicide.

1689 King James II was deposed, William (of Orange) & Mary enthroned & Andros driven away. Cates came out of hiding (in a cave) & bought an allotment of Daniel Mason



- L.B. (lot No. 3) at the "Hither Place"; & in the summer of 1689, built the first house in the new plantation.
- None of the original settlers took possession of their allotments. They sold most of them to Indians.
- 1691, May 13 First public meeting of settlers' resources. All but 4 (May & Gates were from England).
- 1691, Autumn The settlers, now 30 in number, petitioned the Massachusetts General Assembly to be formed into a town.
- 1692, May 12 Petition granted.
- June 12 First town meeting.
- 1692-3, Inter Young new settlers arrived (e.g., Abraham). The house of John Piche (lot No. 9) was to be used as a meeting house until other provision should be made (Larkin, 1-49).
- 1693, Jan. 1 Newlander Martin arrived.
- May 30 Town meeting, which enrolled a list of "admitted & approved" inhabitants, then then "Thomas Indian" (1) from Dorchester.
- 1697, Dec. 10 Voted that the meeting house should be at "the next convenient place to y^e north of John Piche's old house" (Larkin, 1-74). This was lot No. 14.
- 1698, Jan. 1 Voted a new pound (for stray cattle) to be at the south-east corner of Richard Kendee's house lot (No. 10).
- 1699, After much wrangling, among the three villages as to where the meeting house should be & dissatisfaction as one decision which had been reached, to have it at the "Street" or "Center", it was now proposed to have one at "Hither Place" ~~in the middle~~ at the other place.
- 1700, Jan. 30 ~~turned says~~ (Oct. 1, 1682) - The front part of William Piche's house lot (No. 9 ~~see~~ 14 - see map) was purchased by Rev. Samuel Smith & Ensign (Jonathan) Crane & made over to the town for a "meeting house plot or common". This was the beginning of "Winham Green". The houses were later enlarged. The Dingley house was one mile north of the "Green".
- 1701, Additional land was granted to Winham in the direction of Dorchester also, the land was west of the street at (No. 1915, Atlantic) river, between Winham & Lebanon.
- 1701, Sept. 23 boundary settled between Winham & Lebanon.
- 1702, Dec. 23 Town meeting, voted that "the land east from Goodman road (highway) (properly, across from lot No. 9, on east side of the "Street") south from Thomas Martin, son's north of the road by Goodman road (highway), extending to three or four acres of land onto Stony Hillside, should be common to the society".
- 1703, Apr. 1 First meeting house at "Hither Place" completed. It was small, only about 20 feet square & the location is now (1915) unknown.
- 1713-14 New meeting house completed at "Hither Place".



MAPS OF WINORAN

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The reconstructed Map of Old Windham Street

The skeleton of roads is based on U.S. Geological Survey maps, Scale one inch to one mile.

The "lay-out" of the original lots & pastures is from Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn. - volumes L & C; & fell into place almost perfectly. Of course difficulties increased as the land deeds became more recent.

I have not been able to locate, more than approximately, the "upper, middle & lower riding" places or roads; nor all of the roads leading thereto, all of which are constantly referred to in the records. But it is believed that the "lower riding place" & the ferry were near the present (1917) bridge to South Windham.

One of the most prominent localities of the old town is described as "between the lines", that is, the "west line" & the "west-by-south line". I have not been able to locate the former.

The "West-by-South" line, as will be seen on the map, seems to be located in part; but even so the fields only work out correctly, in part & I have not been able to determine the actual or intended angle with True North.

The U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey have kindly calculated the ancient variations of the compass; & have furnished their own modern observations.

Magnetic Compass Variations from True North for vicinity of Willimantic

A.D. 1700 $0^{\circ}15'W.$

1745 $0^{\circ}15'W.$

1760 $5^{\circ}30'W.$

A.D. 1906 $11^{\circ}04'W.$

1910 $11^{\circ}28'W.$

1916 $12^{\circ}03'W.$

The old records often refer to Windham Street as a North & South line & it is, in part, nearly true N. & S. But the southern end of the Street is more nearly N.E. & S.W. Also, south of the turn to South Windham bridge, the southern continuation of the street is called N.W. & S.E. But these three sections of road are not, so far as can be proved, either true or magnetic N. or S. - Nor is one section was is either of the others parallel to it.

I have indicated in places "lost space" to show where there is considerable variation between the old recorded distances & modern measurements. It is a fact that all these old distances & areas are less than the modern. It is almost invariably found that 25 rods of an old record measures more today - & a 140-acre farm by the old deeds is almost always found today to have 150 or more acres.

At least 75% of the distances given on the map are checked in the old records themselves, on account of subsequent transfers of land. The locations of railroad & river are only approximate, on account of lack of large scale maps.

The present "Green" is indicated. It covers the north half of the front of old Lot No. 10. The south half of the front of old Lot No. 10 is now (1917) privately owned & built over.

Old Windham Names of Places

"MARIACUON" or "Marius", name of a hill, ridge or mountain, was a hill, a mile or so south of the south end of Windham Street, probably somewhat precipitous & certainly elevated, so as to overlook the "plain below", toward the river

THE CROTON is where the Natchaug empties into the Millimantic river - called also "the Center" & "Lick Top"

"New Found Meadows" began at about the east end of Thomas Bingham's (1) pasture & extended eastward toward Beaver Brook

MOUNTAIN MEADOW

Jeffrey's brook

PLAINE BROOK

COLD BROOK

LARRABEE'S BROOK

MUSSELL'S PLAIN

STONY PLAINE

The WEST & WEST-by-SOUTH lines

CANADA, second Society, is now Hampton, north-east of Windham

OLD WINDHAM NAMES OF PLACES.

The old Windham records at WILLIAMTIC, Vol. C., p. 50, under date of May 13, 1791, is:

Manitague, later Manneewage & Manitague, sometimes Manitague Hill. I believe this to be the old Indian name for the locality now Windham Street & Windham Center; & believe it is the loc. Road east of Windham Street, at the foot of which the Street lies.

"Was Lured, Vol. 1, p. 50, says the "Croton" is also called the "Conter"; & also "Croton".

"Not Found" was over by better known, as shown by working of roads.

The will of the Indian chief Joshua is recorded at WILLIAMTIC, in Proprietors' Records, Book C.

COLONIAL RECORDS AT WILLIAMTIC, CONN.

Aug. 1689 to May, 1700

Petition to establish Windham

p. 55 - July, 1691

A petition presented to this Court to have them to grant them - the Proprietors of the land given by Joshua (Indian chief) to several gentlemen of Norwich - to make a Township of that land; & to name the town Windham; & to free them from Country rates for some time.

The Court having, considered the premises & finding none of the principal petitioners of the land in the petition, do not see cause to proceed further in it at this time; but desire the deputies of Norwich to inform the petitioners & Proprietors that, in May next, the Court will give all the encouragement to the Petition & Proprietors to proceed in the planting the aforesaid place; & do expect their attendance upon the Court for an answer.

WINDHAM LAND RECORDS - Proprietors' Book C, new page 51

(Also Colonial Records, p. 67)

Liberty of a Township given.

May 14, 1692

At a Court of Election held at Hartford, May 14, 1692, on petition of several of the inhabitants of the town of Windham, & Proprietors of the said Plantation that is to be, above the

Town of Hartford, this Court grants liberty of a Township with all liberties & privileges usually granted for the encouragement of the settlins new plantations; & exemption from paying any County Rates for the space of four years; & order the name of the Town to be called Winham; & the town blanda to be W; & the inhabitants are obliged to improve their utmost endeavor to procure & maintain an able & faithful minister in the place; & bear all other town charges as law directs.

Extracted out of the Court Records, May 14, 1692

John Allen, Secretary

Entered & compared with the ori. roll, May 9 (94), 1693

Joshua Ripley, Recorder

COVENANTS OF WINHAM

Written May 1, 1693

A covenant made at Winham, May 12, 1693

Records, Proprietors' Records, Box C, old, page 49, new page 53

Whereas, the Legatees of Joshua's will in Hartford &c

the Town of Winham hath engaged us, whose names are hereunto subscribed, to settle & conclude & fully state the dividing line between the Town of Winham & the Legatees of Hartford.

We have agreed that Willimantic River shall forever be the boundary, that is Winham's west bounds; & Hartford Gentlemen's west bounds, to the south of the little river that comes from Cedar Swamp.

And it is agreed that the land on the northerly of the s^d River &c belong unto Hartford Gentlemen; & the land on the south-east & south of s^d River belong unto Winham Inhabitants, up said little river to a place our marked "H. L." (Hartford-Winham), with stones on the north side of the River from "Hill" (?) due south to the south side of s^d River;

then a due west line, so far west as to meet with the North line from Winham's south-east corner;

still it is agreed that the land on

a) the south & southern of said little river up to y^e said line;

b) y^e land on y^e south of the west line to y^e cross line; &

c) that land on the east to the corner tree shall, forever, be & belong to Winham Inhabitants, then, their heirs & assigns forever.

That the above, written this 31 day, 1693, be a good upon - of record and & every person for whom we are concerned & by whom empowered

Truly entered & compared
with the original, May 12, 1696
per me

Joshua Ripley, Recorder

James Fitch, Jr.
Joseph Hall
John Fitch
Joseph Olinstead
Joshua Ripley
Sam. Pritchard

COLONIAL RECORDS
(1689-1706)

P.123 May 1694

Whereas the Town of Windham have desired the Court that they may be & belong to the Co. of Hartford;

This Court grants that sd Windham shall be & belong to sd Co. of Hartford, till the Court otherwise determine.

Division of Windham

P.291 1699

The articles of a agreement between the inhabitants at the south end of the town; & those of the north end - signed by 33 names - are recorded in Colonial Record of Deeds &c., 11, 283. The substance is as follows:

- 1) That religious services shall be held in the summer & autumn at the north end of the town; & in the winter & spring at the south end.
- 2) That each end of the town should build a meeting house, sufficient, large to accommodate the whole congregation.
- 3) Training days & Town meetings shall be held at either end of the town according as the religious exercises are divided.

First Meeting House Lot

Old Windham Records at Milford, Conn.

Windham 20 Apl. 1699
Acknowledged 30 Jan.
Recorded, Vol. B., old p.160-new p.159 14 Feb. 1701
From William Rogers of Windham (lot No.9)
To Mr. Sam^l Martin, & Ensign Jonathan Crane of Windham
Of One acre on the front of his home lot (No.9) for a meeting house
plat to be common forever.

Area One acre

Price Ten acres of land

Witnesses: John Fitch Jonathan ^{his} Martin

Boundaries: East, on the Street 20 rods
North, on Richard Henay 8 rods
South, "eight rods broad"

Division of Windham

30 Jan., 1700

Colonial Records (1689-1706), Vol. 1, p.367

1 MAY, 1701

This Assembly, both retail, & confirm the agreement of the Town of Windham, dividing their town, for bearing their charges of maintaining two Societies.

The agreement is as follows, viz.,

At a Town Meeting in Windham,

30 Jan. 1700

Witness that we will begin at a pine tree, that is on the right hand of a path as we go to the north end of the town - (this is) the northernmost tree that is to the northward of the Long Meadow. And, so to run - due West line to Milford River. And, from said tree, a line either northward, or easterly,

now on to divide the town equally - one-half of the 48 home lots now laid out to belong to the south end of the town; & the other to the north end of the town.

The line in this respect to be set, properly of land now laid out.

And, with respect to the Cedar Swamp, there is to be free liberty to all Proprietors to quit such, as they see cause, so as not to carry it out of the town to other towns.

The line that is to be drawn is between the two west lines, as the town formerly ^{agreed} on should be the bounds of the town.

Compared with the Town Records

1 May, 1701

Joseph Hixson

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~~William Hixson, William Hixson, William Hixson~~

May, 1701

Colonial Records (1689-1706), p. 1, 1, 300

Whereas there hath been some line of division between the Town of Hingham & Rehoboth, as to their ancient line;

And, those who are the heretofore settled, being the Committee of each town above named do agree & fully state the bounds between the aforesaid towns, viz.

To be in at a white oak tree, marked with letter "L", about 80 rods south from the mouth of Hoop (Ho?) River; & about 12 rods west of Continental River

Then to run a straight line to a white oak tree which is the North-east corner corner of a tract of land bought by Dan. Bovey Esq. from the City of Rehoboth from Mr. William Hixson & Great Clark of Sagadahoc, the tree being marked "L.L." & "H.C."

And so the line runs the same course to Norwich Town bounds and so the privilege of the land on the Northwest side of the aforesaid line shall forever hereafter belong to Wingham.

And the privilege of the land on the Southern side of the aforesaid line shall forever hereafter belong to Rehoboth.

And this agreement to be valid, in, to the inhabitants & Proprietors of each of our towns, our heirs & assigns forever, for whom we are concerned & by whom approved to agree; & let the General Court's sanction to this our agreement.

In witness whereof &c.

our hands & seals

this 23d day of September, 1701.

Joseph Hixson,

William Hixson,

William Hixson,

William Hixson,

William Hixson

William Hixson

DIVISION OF WINGHAM

May, 1702

Colonial Records (1687-1706), p. 383

Whereas there hath been some line of division between the Town of Hingham & the North part of the County of Wingham.

And, on conditions:

First, all difficulties were referred to the Court in reference to the town;

- 1) The inhabitants of the North part did so in order to the south part

2) The strip & dangerous river between (the modern Naciónes)
The north part had been called "Pondus town" but the name of the place
does not seem to be authentic.

DIVISION OF WINNHAM

May, 1703

Colonial Records (1689 to 1703), pp. 416-7

Court, rents that Winham shall be two towns

1699: All that tract, the said south or south-west part of said
five town of Winham, as now bounded & sett out by lines &c.

(see Proprietors Book C, new p. 53 - 31 May, 1693)

bound: North, partly by a line drawn or run from Abaquah,
(appears p. 9) west to Millimantic river; & partly by a
line drawn from a certain pine tree to the same river.
South-west, by a line drawn from the said pine tree,
(running) N.W. by N., $5^{\circ} 15'$ easterly, intersecting the N.
boundary.

East & N.E., by the said Millimantic river

West, by a line drawn from Abaquah, aforesaid, (running)
S.E. by E., 4° easterly, 8 miles 72 rods in length, to a
certain tree or place named

South, by a line drawn from the said tree or place
lined, to Millimantic river

Containing about 41 square miles of land,

To, & with that tract of land, purchased of Thomas Aber-
inham & John Clark of Saybrook, Conn., by Nathaniel Jonathan Crane
& Thomas Huntington

in 2 parts be a Township; & called by the name of
Winham, as formerly.

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Pasture of John Read (Cap't. John Mason) Lot No. 1
"Layed out" Aug. 14, 1669
Recorded, Book C, p. 119 (old p. 51)
From -
To - John Read
Of - Pasture lot
Area - 20 acres (plus)
Price -
Witnesses -
Bounded - West on Town Street 27 rods
North on Jonathan Crane 120 rods
East on Commons 27 rods
South on Thomas Bingham (1) 120 rods

Date Nov. 18, 1712
Recorded, Book D, new p. 296, old p. 294 Jan. 2, 1712-13
From - John Read, Senior
To - son, John Read, Junior
Of - Half of - a) his dwelling, house (north end); - b) home lot &
first division; - c) pasture; - d) barn, fences &c
Area -
Price - Gift, love & affection
Witnesses -
Bounds -

Date July 23, 1718
Recorded, Book E, p. 328 July 28, 1718
From - John Read, Senior
To - son, John Read, Junior
Of - My home-lot & pasture-lot
Area -
Price - Gift
Witnesses - Ebenezer Benin, s & Richard Abbe
Bounded - Home-lot - North on Lieut. Crane's home-lot
East on Town Street
South on Thomas Bingham's home-lot
West on Commons (or as p. 329 says "on brow of
hill"-overlooking Shetucket river ?)
Pasture-lot - West on Town Street
South on Thomas Bingham's (1) pasture
"otherwise as of record" !

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Pasture of Jonathan Crane

Lot No. 2

"Layed out"

May 14, 1889

"Approved for record" by Jonathan Crane & Thos. Huntington, Apr. 30, 1896
Recorded, Book C, p. 72

From -

To - Jonathan Crane

Area - 20 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on Town Street	27 rods
North on a highway	120 rods
East on Commons	27 rods
South on John road to Town Street	120 rods

Pasture of John Cates (Daniel Mason)

Lot No. 3

"Layed out"

May 14, 1889

Recorded, Book C, p. 74

From -

To - John Cates (or heirs)

Area - 20 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on Town Street	25 rods
South on "the highway that goes into the woods"	120 rods
East on Commons	30 rods
North on 4th pasture	120 rods

Date

June 6, 1899

Recorded, Book B, p. 121

From - Robert Helard

Pasture-lot No. 3

To - son, Joseph Helard

Or - Land off the rear of his pasture

Area - 5 acres plus 10 (square) rods

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on said pasture-lot (No. 3)	27 rods
North on Joshua Ripley	30 rods
East on Commons	30 rods
South on highway (to "woods" & Scotland)	30 rods

Winham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Pasture of Joshua Ripley (Daniel Wetherill)

Lot No. 4

"Layed out"

May 14, 1689

Recorded, Book C, p. 75

From -

To - Joshua Ripley

Of - "20 acres pasture land"

Area - 20 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bound - West on Town Street

25 rods

South on pasture land of 3d allotment

120 rods

East on Commons

30 rods

North on 5th pasture lot

120 rods

Pasture of Thomas Huntington (Thomas Tracy)

Lot No. 5

"Layed out"

May 14, 1689

Recorded, Book C, p. 78

From -

To - Thomas Huntington

Of - Pasture lot

Area - 20 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bound - West on the highway

25 rods

South on Joshua Ripley

120 rods

East on Commons

30 rods

North on Joseph Huntington

120 rods

Pasture of Joseph Huntington (Simon Huntington)

Lot No. 5

"Layed out"

May 14, 1689

Recorded, Book C, p. 81

From -

To - Joseph Huntington

Of - Pasture lot

Area - 20 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bound - West on Town Street

25 rods

North on 7th pasture lot

120 rods

East on Commons

30 rods

South on 5th pasture lot

120 rods

Winham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Pasture of Exercise Conant (William Hyde)

Lot No. 7

"Layed out" date illegible

Recorded, Book C, p. 83

From -

To - Exercise Conant

Or - Pasture lot

Area - 20 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on Town Street - (hardly legible) -	24 7 rods
North on William Boulton	120 rods
East on Commons	30 rods
South on Joseph Huntington	120 rods

Pasture of James Birchard (John Birchard)

Lot No. 8

"Layed out"

Recorded, Book C, p. 87

Feb. 17, 1696

From -

To -

Or - Pasture lot

Area - 20 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on Town Street	25 rods
North on a highway	120 rods
East on Commons	30 rods
South on land of Exercise Conant	120 rods

Pasture-lot No. 8

Date not found

"Layed out"

Recorded, Book C, p. 87

From -

To - James Birchard

Or - Land in lieu of 6 acres of provisions, Duion, in, to James Birchard, on the rear of his pasture lot

Area - 8 acres

Price - Shewing

Witnesses -

Bounded - North on Commons	45 rods
West on said pasture lot (No. 8)	30 rods
South on Commons	45 rods
East on Commons	30 rods

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Date

June 1, 1898

Recorded, Book B, p. 97

From - James Birchard

To - William Bolton

Of - a) Land which is the rear of said James Birchard's
pasture

No. 8

1) Land "Att the rear" of said pasture

Area - 10 acres; 8 6 acres

Total, 18 6 acres

Price - £ 5.00.00

Witnesses -

Bounds - plotting

a) North on Highway

64 rods

East on Commons

30 rods

South on pasture of John Allen (No. 7)

48 rods

West on said pasture of James Birchard, 27 1/2 one-half rods

"upon a square" ?

b) West on said pasture

30 rods

North on Commons

45 rods

East on Commons

30 rods

South on Commons

45 rods

Pasture of William Backus (Samuel Mason)

Lot No. 9

"Layed out"

Approved for record by

Apr. 30, 1896

Recorded, Book C, p. 88

From -

To - William Backus

Of - Pasture lot

Area - 20 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Boundaries - West on Town Street

23 rods

North on Richard Henry

120 rods

East on Commons

30 rods

South on a Highway (to Scotland)

120 rods

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Pasture

Lot No. 9

Nov. 29, 1897

Date

Recorded, Book F, p. 82 (Compare 1.118 & 122)

From - William Packus

To - John Broughton

Of - 13 acres & 34 (square) rods - of which 7 acres & 104 (square) rods were part of said Packus' pasture-lot No. 9

Area - 7 acres & 104 (square) rods

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on Town Street, "upon a square"	13 rods
South on the highway (to Scotland-T.A.M.)	71 rods
East on said Packus' pasture-lot	21.5 rods
North on said Packus' pasture-lot	71 rods

Date

Apr. 3, 1899

Recorded, Book F, p. 118 (Compare 1.82 & 122) 122)

From - William Packus

To - John Broughton

Of - 13 acres plus 134 (square) rods, which includes a previous 13 acres plus 34 (square) rods (B. 82); & of which 8 acres plus 40 (square) rods is part of William Packus' pasture, No. 9

Area - 6 acres plus 40 (square) rods

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - abutting	
West on Town Street	12 rods
South on highway	73 rods
East on pasture (No. 9)	27 rods
North on Richard Hendy's pasture (No. 10) <u>deeds says</u>	24 rods
also abutting	
East on Richard Hendy	9.5 rods
North on Richard Hendy	56 rods

Date

Apr. 3, 1899

Recorded, Book B, p. 122 (Compare 1.82 & 118)

From - William Packus

No. 9

To - Richard Hendy

Of - Part of his pasture-lot

Area - 3.5 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on Town Street	11 rods
North on Richard Hendy's pasture, No. 10	62 rods
South on John Broughton	56 rods
East on John Broughton	9.5 rods

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Date

March 31, 1701

"Layed out"

Recorded, Book B, p.172

No. 9

From - William Packer

To - John Broughton

Of - Half of 9th allotment; also, 2.25 acres, being part of
pasture-lot No. 9

Area -

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - East on William Packer	30 rods
North on John Fitch	12.25 rods
West on John Broughton	29 rods
South on highway (to Scotland, where T.A.L.)	12.25 rods

Date

May 23, 1735

Recorded, Book C, p.234

We, John Fitch & Joseph Walden, agreed to a dividant line, between
our pasture lots, in said Windham

To begin at said Towne Street, where said corner of the stone
wall now stands, at a meer stone;

Thence said line runs a dividant course easterly, about 58.5
rods, to another meer stone, standing in ye south-east
corner of the said Fitch's 3.5 acres of the land formerly
purchased by Ensign Hendy of William Packer;

Then the line turns square northerly, 9.5 rods, to the origi-
nal north line of said pasture-lot (No. 9), to a meer stone,
from whence the said 3.5 acres was taken off.

The said John Fitch to make & maintain the westerly end of the
fence, his half; & said Walden to make & maintain the remain-
der of said fence.

Pasture of Richard Hendy (James Fitch)

No. 10

1696

"Layed out"

Recorded, Book C, p. 92

From -

To - Richard Hendy

Of - Pasture lot

Area -

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - East on Town Street	23 rods
North on Jeremiah Ripley	120 rods
East on Commons	30 rods
South on William Packer	120 rods

Indian Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Date

Dec. 5, 1700

Recorded, Book E, p. 163

No. 10

From - Rev. Samuel Smithing

To - John Pitch

Of - 23.5 acres of land, the 10th pasture lot in the South part
of the town: together with 3.5 acres of the 9th pasture lot,
"Joyning" to it.

Area - 27 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounds - "The whole tract is bounded as follows", attesting

North on Jonathan Genings & Jeremiah Ripley, 120 rods

East on a Highway 30 rods

West on Towne Street 34 rods

South on John Prouhron 56 rods

& then attesting

East on John Prouhron 9.5 rods

South on John Prouhron, William Beckus }
A. Abraham Mitchell } 64 rods

Date

May, 6th, 1703

Recorded, Book E, p. 243

From - Jeremiah Ripley,

To - John Larrabee

Of - "The dwelling house that was formerly Richard Hennes's, with
"one acre of land on which the house standeth" Lot No. 10

Area - One acre

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounds - Beginning at the South-east corner, next the Town Street; & so
bounded

East by the Street 9 rods

& so far as to make the middle of the well
in the dividing line;

& then a straight line Westerly 18 rods
bounded

North by Jeremiah Ripley

South on the Meeting house land }
& on Jonah Palmer 22 rods

West on Ripley's land 7 rods

or so wide as to make up the just
quantity of one acre, with the fence
belonging to it.

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Pasture of Jeremiah Ripley (Thomas Aquate)

Lot No. 11

1696

Date

"Layed out"

Recorded, Book C, p.92

From -

To - Jeremiah Ripley

Of - Pasture lot

Area -

Price -

Witnesses -

Boundd - West on Town Street	23 rods
North on Jonathan Ginnings	120 rods
East on Commons	30 rods
South on land of Richard Hendy	120 rods

Date

Feb. 9, 1700

Recorded, Book B, p.160

Lot No. 11

From - Jeremiah Ripley

To - Jonathan Ginnings

Of - Part of his pasture

Area -

Price -

Witnesses -

Boundd - West on Towns Street	23 rods
North on Rev. Samuel Whiting	53 rods
South on Richard Hendy	49 rods
East on my own (Ripley's) pasture	24 rods

Pasture of Jonathan Ginnings (Rev. James Pitch)

Lot No. 12

1696

Date

"Layed out"

Recorded, Book C, p.99

From -

To - Jonathan Ginnings

Of - Pasture lot

Area -

Price -

Witnesses -

Boundd - West on Town Street	20 rods
North on a highway	120 rods
East on Commons	30 rods
South on Jeremiah Ripley	120 rods

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Pasture of John Fitch (Rev. James Fitch)

Lot No. 13

Date

"Layed out"

Recorded, Book C, p. 100

Apr. 30, 1696

From -

To - John Fitch

Of - Pasture lot

Area - 20 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Boundaries - West on Town Street

40 rods

North on John Packus

60 rods

East on Commons

40 rods

South on highway (to Fairbairn's ?)

80 rods

Date

"Layed out"

Jan. 4, 1700

Recorded, Book C, p. 135

Aug. 19, 1706

From -

To - Jonathan Gennings

Of - Land for Jonathan Gennings in "lieu" (lieu) of
his pasture lot, at the rear of John
Fitch's pasture lot

(No. 13)

Area - Seven acres

Price - Exchange

Witnesses -

Boundaries - West on John Fitch's pasture lot (No. 13)

40 rods

East on highway

40 rods

South on highway

28 rods

North on John Packus' land

28 rods

Pasture of John Packus (William Packus)

Lot No. 14

Date - not found

"Layed out"

Recorded Book C, p. 104

From -

To - John Packus

Of - Pasture lot

Area - 20 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Boundaries - West on Town Street

40 rods

North on 15th pasture lot

60 rods

East on Commons

40 rods

South on John Fitch

80 rods

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Date

"Layed out"

Recorded Book C, p.104

From -

To - John Packus

Of - Land in list of 6 acres of plowland of the
10-acre division lot, lying at the rear of
said Packus' pasture lot (No.14)

Area - 8 acres

Price - Exchange

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on said pasture lot (No.14)

North on Commons

East on highway (to Sellenack Y)

South on Jonathan Ginnings

No.14

March 7, 1700

March 9, 1700

40 rods

32 rods

40 rods

32 rods

Date

Recorded Book B, old p.141 - new p.140

From - John Packus

To - Abraham Mitchell

Of - Part of his pasture lot

Area - 4 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on Town Street

North on John Mitchell's land

East on his own land (Packus)

South on his own land (Packus)

June 28, 1700

No.14

15 rods

40 rods

15 rods

40 rods

Pasture or

Approved for record by

Recorded Book C, p.118

From -

To -

Of - Pasture lot

Area - 20 acres

Beginning at the highway, at a walnut tree, marked,

Bounded - West on the highway

North on Commons

East on Commons, to a tree at S.E. corner

South on John Packus

Lot No.15

Apr.30, 1696

40 rods

80 rods

40 rods

80 rods

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Date

Aug., 27, 1898

Recorded Book B, old p.103 - new p.104

From - John Fitch

To - John Backus

Of - Part of lot No.15

Area - 6 acres & 60(square) rods

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - East on Town Street

10 rods

North on John Fitch

120 rods

South on John Backus

120 rods

West on John Fitch

7 rods

Date

May 4, 1899

Recorded Book E, p.138

From - John Fitch

To - Abraham Mitchell

Of - Part of allotment (lot) No.15

Area - 2 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on Highway

10 rods

South on John Fitch

35 rods

West on "Lore of hill"

10 rods

North on Commons

28 rods

Date

June 28, 1700

Recorded Book B, old p.142 - new p.141

From - John Fitch

To - Abraham Mitchell

Of - Part of 15th allotment

Area - 8 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - East on the highway

27 rods

North on said Mitchell's land

35 rods

West on William More's land

28.5 rods

South on his own land(Fitch)

56 rods

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Date

Nov. 23, 1896

"Layed out"

Recorded Book B, p. 63

From - John Packus

To - John Larrabee

Of - Land which was "layed out" to the said John Packus in lieu of 2 acres of his first division of meadow, belonging to the 14th allotment in the S.E. part of the Town of Windham (Nether Place)

Area - 3 acres

Price - \$2.30.00

Witnesses -

Bounded - East on the meadow of Jonathan Crane, which lyeth at the "upper riding place" in the river, to a great mill

22.5 rods

North on said mill

22.5 rods

West on Commons to the end of a small stamp

21 rods

Southwardly on the highway

22.5 rods

The above sold by John Larrabee to Jonathan Crane April 1, 1896 as recorded in Book B, p. 67

Date

Oct. 28, 1898

Recorded Book B, p. 179

From - Jonathan Crane & Thomas Huntington

To - John Ford

Of - Land near Sineham, southward - a 20-acre home lot, being the 2nd lot

Area -

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - East on a Highway

27 rods

South on a Highway

120 rods

East on Jonathan Crane & Thomas Huntington

21 rods

North on home lot of Isaac Wagon

120 rods

Winham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Book C is of original "lay-outs", roads &c
& the old index is on new page 61

The road ?

"Layed out"

1699

Recorded Book C, p.56

Feb.22,1709-10

First - Whereas, Thomas Huntington & Jonathan Crane, the purchasers of a tract of land of Mr. Thomas Buckingham, deceased; & Major John Clark of Saybrook, as by deed on record may appear (?) bearing date Jan.7,1698-did, for the year 1699, lay out & agree upon general highways that may be accommoable to the general allotments that might be layed out afterwards &c

The highways are as followeth

First - Beginning at the "West-By-South" line, at the south end of the town

8 rods wide (132 feet)

a) & so "tapring" to 6 rods to the turn of the way by John Larrabee's house

b) & then on the south side of said Larrabee's land

6 rods wide (99 feet)

c) & then by land of my own (Samuel Whiting or Jonathan Crane)

d) & by said Larrabee's

still 6 rods wide

e) & then turning easterly by said Larrabee's land; & through land of Mr. Whiting to land of Lieut. Daniel Mason

& then turning bothways

f) southerly by said Whiting to the river

47 rods

3 rods wide (49.5 feet)

g) & northerly to the north side of said Mason's land

6 rods wide

h) then eastward, between said Mason's land & land belonging to said Whiting & Jonathan Finham to the brook below Round Meadow

3 rods wide

i) & still easterly to or near the northward end of a small pond

3 rods wide

Probably the road from Winham Green, westward

"Layed out"

1699

Recorded Book C, p.56

Secondly- a highway - beginning at the highway above said, going to John Larrabee's

on the north side of Richard Hendy's home lot &

6 rods wide (99 feet)

a) to the brook at or near the east end of Abel Finham's land

b) & still to continue, 6 rods wide, to patches (?)

c) & then by the north end of said farm to Mr. Whiting's land

- d) & still by the south end of Mr. Whitin's land, formerly Helen, in,
to Fern E. Handy
- e) & by Knowles' 40-acre lot
6 rods wide (99 feet)
- f) to meet the highway at Samuel Walker's

"& for confirmation of what hath been done & to ratify & con-
firm all the above mentioned highways, we, the subscribers hath agreed
"that they shall be thus recorded."

Feb. 20, 1709-10

Samuel Whitin,
Jonathan Crane

Entered here Feb. 22, 1709-10

by John Pitch - Clerk

The road from Winham Green, as before
A corroboration of Book C, p. 56

Date

Dec. 30, 1728

Recorded Book G, p. 32

From - Stephen & Rebecca Linham

To - Jabez Huntington

Of - Land in Winham, "lyeth on the north side of the road or high-
way that leads from Richard Henry's to Deacon Abel Linham's"

Area - 19 acres plus 9 (square) rods

Price -

Witnesses -

Bound -

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

First Meeting House

Date Apr. 20, 1899
Recorded Book B, p. 159
From - William Backus To - Rev. Samuel Whiting & Jonathan Crane
Of - One acre off the front of my home lot (No. 9) for a meeting house
plot "to lye common for ever"
Area - One acre
Price - 10 acres of land at Medisquoque
Witnesses -
Boundaries - East on the Street 20 rods (330 feet)
North on Richard Henry (No. 10) 8 rods (132 feet)
South 8 rods broad (132 feet)

Date Apr. 20, 1899
Recorded Book B, new page 158
From - Rev. Samuel Whiting & Jonathan Crane
To - William Backus
Of - Land at Medisquoque
Area - 10 acres
Price - 1 acre of home lot of William Backus (No. 9)
Witnesses -
Boundaries - Not found

Date Apr. 20, 1899
Recorded Book B, new page 126 - old page 127
From - Rev. Samuel Whiting & Jonathan Crane
To -
Of - 1 acre of land, which was the front of William Backus' home lot
(No. 9) "for a meeting house plot or common"
Area - 1 acre Price - 10 acres in exchange
Witnesses -
Boundaries - East on Town Street 20 rods (330 feet)
North on home lot of Richard Henry 8 rods (132 feet)
South on home lot of Thomas Loring, well 8 rods (132 feet)
West on land of said Backus 20 rods (330 feet)

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Date

"Layed out"

Feb. 14, 1700

Recorded - Book C, p. 83 (Compare B, p. 175 & 1, p. 280)

Apr. 30, 1701

From - To - John Abbe

Or - "Measured off the land between the lines"

- a) The second 30-acre lot belongs to John Abbe
- b) "& also a piece between Thomas Bingham's (1) pasture lot
" & John Larrabee's land, 24 rods square"
- c) "& likewise 3 acres & 120 (sq.) rods of land on the rear (W.)
" of Thomas Bingham's (1) land 30 rods, which is part of the
" above 30 acres" (though I do not see how it can be part of
the "second 30-acre lot" - T.A.B.)

Area -

Price -

Witnesses -

- Bounded - a) West on the highway that goes to
Mesa, Quase 14 rods
South "on the West-by-South line a" 152 rods
North on John Larrabee 64 rods
West on John Larrabee 14 rods
- b) Also a piece between Thomas Bingham's
(1) pasture lot & John Larrabee's land,
24 rods square; & from thence the line
runs by said Bingham's pasture lot 60
rods, abutting N.W. on Ensign Crane 40 rods.
B. 280 says N.W. on Ensign Crane
- c) North on John Read's first division 20 rods
South on the highway, 4 rods wide, 20 rods
West on the Commons 30 rods
East on said Bingham 30 rods

Including "a cartway through said land,
" 2 rods wide, that goeth up the hollow, from
" the rear of said Bingham's (1) first div-
" sion lot of land;"

"& also down the hollow that goeth to
" the down-way here (near) the middle ride-
" ing place."

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Date

NOV. 8, 1701

"Layed out"

Recorded, Book B, p. 175 (Compare B. 280 & C. 83)

From - Hannah Abbe, widow of John Abbe

To - Josiah Conant

Of - Second lot of land of John Abbe

Area - 30 acres Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on highway to Miamiaugame	14 rods
South on ye <u>D. & W. lines</u>	152 rods
North on John Larrabee	54 rods
West on John Larrabee	14 rods

(Record gives no East bounds)

Date

"Layed out"

Recorded, Book C, p. 126

From -

To - Mr. Samuel Whiting

Of - land on the west side of the highway by Richard
Hendy's land, belongs to Mr. Whiting,

Area - 33 acres & 135 (sq.) rods

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - East on the highway	75 rods
West on Commons or waste land	75 rods
South on Esq. (Jonathan) Crane	50 rods
North on Isaac Maloon	65 rods

"Layed out"

Feb. 21, 1700

Recorded, Book C, p. 78

Apr. 30, 1701

From -

To - Thomas Huntington

Of - "Land between the lines" (the M. & the D. & W. lines)
"the 6th lot belongs to Thomas Huntington"

Area - 31 acres & 140 (sq.) rods

Bounded - West on a highway, 4 rods wide, at the rear of said Huntington's pasture lot	50 rods
North on the <u>West line</u>	100 rods
East on Robert Hilara	50 rods
South on Joseph Dinally	105 rods

Windham Land Records at Williamantic, Conn.

"Layed out"

Feb. 22, 1700

Recorded, Book C, p. 85

March 10, 1702

From -

To - Mar^{nt} (merchant ?) Leffingwell

Or - The 7th lot "between the lines"

Area - 85 acres & 126 (sq.) rods

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - North on Robert Hebard on Mountain

Meadow hill "a"

187 rods

South on the "West-By-South" line "a"

192 rods

West on Mr. Ripley & Joseph Cary (?)

84 rods

East on John Waldo

74 rods

Date

Sept. 3, 1700

Recorded, Book B, p. 145

From - Isaac Vagoon To - Rev. Samuel Whiting

Or - "2 also 20 acres on the plaine below Memiaquage hill"

Area - ~~20~~ 20 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - Beginning, at the N.W. corner of John Ford's land
West on a highway, to a white-oak tree

80 rods

North-east on Samuel Whiting & Jonathan Crane

34 rods

South-east on Samuel Whiting & Jonathan Crane

in part; & on Jonathan Bingham in part

74 rods

South-west on John Ford

44 rods

Date

Nov. 1, 1700

Recorded, Book B, p. 132

From - Rev. Samuel Whiting & Jonathan Crane

To - Samuel Knowles

Or - (bottom of page) "likewise 10 acres of land on
"Memiaquage hill"

Area - 10 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - North on first 10-acre lot

75 rods

East on edge of hill, to a small white oak

25 rods

South on Commons

75 rods

West on land of Samuel Whiting & Jonathan Crane

18 rods

Winham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Date

"Layed out"

Jan. 2, 1701

Recorded, Book C, new p. 107

Jan. 21, 1703

From -

To - Elizabeth Able

Or - Land granted to her father (Samuel or John) & accepted by the Administrator, lying at the south end of the Towne, north from the burying place, (N.W. corner of "Hither Place")

Area - 10 acres & 110 (sq.) rods

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - South on the highway	66 rods
East on land of John Fitch	26 rods
West on the highway that goes to Wachaug	26 rods
North on Commons	66 rods

Date

"Layed out" by John Fitch, Jonathan Cinnings, Surveyors

March, 1701

Recorded, Book C, p. 122

Jan. 4, 1703

From -

To - Rev. Samuel Whiting

Or - Division land for Mr. Whiting "in lieu" of 3 acres of plowland or (off ?) his 10-acre lot - & lying by the burying place

Area - 4 acres (figures out 5 1/2 acres)

Price - Exchange

Witnesses -

Bounded - West on <u>the burying place</u>	20 rods
North on highway	70 rods
East on Joseph Dingley	4 rods
South on land of John Fitch	76 rods

Date

Jan. 9, 1701-2

Recorded, Book B, p. 176 (compare f, p. 280)

From - Samuel Whiting

To - Josiah Conant

Or - Land at Wachaug

Area - not given

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded - East on highway to Wachaug	86 rods
South on Nathaniel Belard	52 rods
South on Jonathan Crane	122 rods
West on the river	125 rods
West on Jonathan Crane	27 rods
North-west on Samuel Whiting	85 rods
North on Thomas Bingham	62 rods

Windham Land Records at Willimantic, Conn.

Date

Aug. 10, 1703

Recorded, Book B, p. 280 (compare I, p. 176)

From - Josiah Conant To - Caleb Conant

Of - " & also a certain tract of land at or near a place
" called Memidage "

Area -

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded- East on the highway to Memidage	88 rods
South on Nathaniel Hilard	52 rods
South on Jonathan Crane	122 rods
West on the river	125 rods
West on Jonathan Crane	27 rods
North-west on Samuel Whiting	85 rods
North on Thomas Pingham	62 rods

"Layed out"

March 22, 1707

Recorded, Book C, new p. 113

March 24, 1707

From - To - Samuel More

Of - A 100 acres of land upon Mountain Meadow hill for Samuel More,
that he bought of Richard Handy

Area- 100 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded- Beginning at a black oak tree by the <u>West-by-South line</u> , the line runs	
South by land of John Ford	132 rods
West by a highway to a white oak	181 rods
North by Commons to a black oak staddle	62 rods
East to <u>West-by-South line</u> to first-said black oak tree	159 rods

Date

Apl. 3, 1702

Recorded, Book B, p. 201

From- Isaac Magoon To- Samuel Whiting

Of- Land on the west side of the way, over against Richard Hendy's

Area- 8 acres

Price -

Witnesses -

Bounded- East on highway	20.25 rods
South on Josiah Conant	66 rods
West on Whiting	20.25 rods
North on Deacon Thomas Pingham	61 rods

Characteristics of Connections in Teams

1) Blue eyes, brown hair, but very blond.

[illegible]

"It is found in every case to be a record of illiterate.
"They frequently performed on reception letters from common, though
"many of them that not usually have no much school training.
"There is no possibility that they come from any possibility of
"that, or of being the friends of someone who could assist
"education due to the country nature of the work.

"will not go on to say a fifth, it is more than enough,"
"I've said them" "Oh Providence" "I wish you had said Amen,"
"a result of his own efforts," "I know."

"I think I can truly say that we are never alone, that we are always together."

"Now, as to the question of this line, he was not absolutely
"positive in his opinion as to the origin of the line, but he thought
"that the line, in fact, their opinions were formed, it may have been so
"to reach the point to think that one might find things in Missouri
"and that it is also possible."

The above is a letter of a Reverend Doctor (Theologian) of
Catholics. He is a member of the family.

"1. One of the main reasons for the present situation is the
"personal appearance of the person, especially in the case of a
"person of color, who is not a native-born citizen."

"In his feeling for the world and sympathetic interest in
"other people, in his object comparison, in his sympathy in the
"object world of his children."

"In the moment he was exceedingly intense. And he kept it so clearly & so vividly that it burned in upon him & stirred his inn. This, to a student, the his the existence of one individual of complete & consistent. It was a very determined man, not intentionally obstinate but one of his own convictions & almost his will to be a student of his own mind & his own.

$$H^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^n, \quad H^2(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}, \quad H^3(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{\frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}}, \quad \dots$$

"...the"

"I have no objection to you taking this information into evidence as an
"admission; I do not object to your making this statement
"to what you consider, directed; and finally, I believe
"that the evidence is all right."

[illegible]

"In pastoral work and that was best, his great love & sympathy -
"is found free course. To the sick he was tender to the sorrow in
"s, that he was a support.

"In management of business he mingled sternness & amiability in
"due proportion. At no period of his life was he to be trifled with.
"He was a builder in the church, a man of sagacity, foresight & un-
"terprising. What he undertook & became responsible for, he attended to
" & was competent for any position where executive talents were es-
"sential."

"I.D. . in 1844, he collected so much of the family history,
"used to send circulars & write to various branches of the family for
" genealogical information. He found that his best help came from the
" distant side; & so he was in the habit of writing a little history
" about the "tradition" that the "in, when this was noted for their
" beauty & historical talents &c."

"One day he received this reply, which must have made him smile.
"His correspondent, Mrs. Emily Clark, daughter of Lydia Ann, Jan (1801)
" after referring to the local history, wrote, "I say:

"I have heard a remark made of the men saying, that mine, not so
" complimentary; which is that they are tyrannical in nature & prac-
" tice. I know instances of its truth - possibly from our supposed
" Worcester the Bishop of Salisbury. Bishops generally love power -
"I say this as a member of the Episcopal church."

1659

Norwich Town - Conn.

Some Proprietors' original Home lots

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1659

Norwich Town, Conn.

Some Proprietors' original Home lots
Recorded, office of City Clerk

It would appear that, while the original proprietors no doubt received written deeds to their lands, there was probably, at the beginning, no Book of Records in which these were "recorded". To this day in England there is little "recording" of deeds, in an official book record - the deed in possession of the owner being the only proof of title.

At a later date such a book of records was begun at Norwich, no doubt made up from the deeds in owners' possession. But by that time some owners were unable to produce their deeds; which may have been mislaid or lost or possibly, in some instances, destroyed.

Hence the names of "Dowers" & "Wade" & "Abell" are not found in the "Book of Grants", although all were undoubtedly original owners. They are however mentioned in later deeds.

Owing to omissions & disagreements in the old records, it will probably be found impossible to obtain the "metes & bounds" of all the original lots & their exact locations.

A Town vote was taken January 24th, 1681 in regard to the deficiency in the original records & "where dates could not be got at". On the margin of the page is written (Town Votes, Book 1, page 5)

"Chosen to search Oridgonall Dates - Lieutenant Lerrinwall,
"Thomas Adgate, John Post"

On page 6 of same book, is recorded another vote of December 25, 1684, stating that they "have cause to think there is a deficiency in our

"Oridgonall records, as appears by a Town vote on page 5" and
"as to the right of many lands we doe acknowledge the old
"records to be true to the best we can come at, therefore we
"confirm it."

MAJOR JOHN MASON

Book of Grants

page 1 His home lot, eight acres more or less, abutting
North - on the Town street (estimated) (18.50) rod
Easterly - on the Town street (estimated) (31.50) rod
Southerly - on the River (estimated) (34.00) rod
Westerly - on the home lot of Serg't. Thomas Waterman, 30.00 rod
Northwesterly - on the Town street (estimated) (32.20) rod
Laid out November, 1659.

ENSIGN THOMAS WATERMAN

Book of Grants

page 251 His home lot, seven acres more or less, abutting

North - on the highway	36.00 rods
East - on the home lot of Cap't. John Mason	30.00 rods
South - on the River	32.00 rods
West - on the home lot of Thomas Bingham	37.00 rods

Laid out November, 1659

THOMAS BINGHAM

Book of Grants

page 138 His home lot, four acres more or less, abutting

Northerly - on the highway	15.00 rods
Easterly - on the home lot of Thomas Waterman	32.00 rods
Southerly - on the River	16.00 rods
Westerly - on the land of John Post	44.00 rods

Laid out _____, 1659

JOHN POST

Book of Grants

page 87 His home lot, six acres more or less, abutting

Northerly - on the Town street	21.00 rods
Easterly - on the land of Thomas Bingham	46.00 rods
Southerly - on the River	17.00 rods
Westerly - on the land of John Birchard - "a crooked line"	64.00 rods

Laid out November, 1659

"the way out of his meadow to his barn for his
"conveniency he hath purchased of me Ric. Bushnell
"and paid for it in the year 1701"

Note - Richard Bushnell, born 1652, did not have an original lot,
certainly not in this part of the Town; nor did his son,
Caleb Bushnell, who was not born until May 26, 1679.

JOHN BIRCHARD

Book of Grants

page 38 His home lot, seven & one-quarter acres more or less.
(Date of laying out not recorded - entered Jan., 1703/4)

It is a) 16 rods & 11 feet in width at the front 16.70 rods
(Town street ?)

b) 14 rods & 3 feet in width at the rear 14.20 rods
(River ?)

c) 76 rods & 12 feet in length through the middle
of the lot, from the street to the River 76.75 rods

d) A wild cherry tree standing in the line, near
the River - bounded westerly with the land of
Serg't. Caleb Abell, a straight line from the street to
the River - The said wild cherry tree stands in this line
between Caleb Abell & "he" (Birchard)

JOHN BIRCHARD (continued)

e) Bounded easterly with the land of John Post, from the River.

A white oak staddle standing in the line, near the River.

A straight line to the brow of the hill, where his cart-path comes up towards his barn;

And then the line runs upon the brow of the hill & so to his barn - (leaving his cart-way convenient for him to come up out of his lot to his barn)

f) And from thence (from his barn) bounded northerly, on the land of said Post, to the corner of the fence -

g) And from said corner, where the fence now stands, bounded easterly on the land of said Post, as the fence now stands - to the corner of the street.

John Post for himself & his heirs, doth give free liberty to Caleb "Bushnell" or his assigns, to pass & repass through his yard into the above said lot.

Mrs. Elisha E. Rogers (Edna Miner) of 99 Division St., Norwich, here remarks;

"Caleb Bushnell is undoubtedly a mistake for Caleb Apell."

"Caleb Bushnell has many parcels of land recorded but was not an

"original settler, as he was too young; - & moreover a search

"revealed no land of his in this lot of Birchard's & Post's."

Book of Deeds - Vol. 2A - page 29

1698/9 - Feb. 27

John Birchard, Sr., of Norwich, Conn.,

with consent of his wife Jane Birchard, for £60.0.

in silver money & a dwelling house & barn, to be built & finished in the town of Lebanon, Conn., deeded to John Elderkin of Norwich all our home lot, containing seven acres more or less; & is situate, lying & being in the Town of Norwich aforesaid, with the dwelling house, barn, orchard, well, fences. The said home lot is bounded

Northerly - by the Town street

Easterly - by the land of John Post

Southerly - by the River

Westerly - by land formerly belonging to Robert Wade

ROBERT WADE

The west boundary above referred to under John Birchard, first as Abell & in 1699 as "formerly" Wade, was on Robert Wade's original home lot.

Wade exchanged home lots with Abell, Jan. 1st, 1677, by which deed we identify Wade's original home lot. (See Book of Deeds, Vol. 1, page 459 - given under Caleb Abell, next following).

The "notes & bounds" of Wade's original home lot are therefore those given for what was in 1692 still Caleb Abell's lot (sometimes called his home lot), which he had gotten in 1677 from Wade by exchange - as follows:

Book of Grants

page 212

Robert Wade's original home lot, seven acres more or less, abutting

Northeasterly - on the Town street 16.00 rods
- on the River 18.00 rods

Southerly - on the home lot of John Birchard 74.00 rods

Northwesterly - on the home lot of Morgan Bowers 72.00 rods

Laid out November, 1659

Sold (exchanged) to Caleb Abell, Jan. 1, 1677

Entered Jan. _____, 1692

The "exchange" also included a parcel of land over the river.

CALEB ABELL

He was born about 1647 & died in 1731.

Therefore was about 12 years old in 1659

21 years old in 1668

30 years old in 1677

45 years old in 1692

55 years old in 1702

His original home lot was north of the Town street & east of Hammer Brook, perhaps on the road leading north, opposite the home lots of Gager & Thomas Post.

It was of six acres (See deed of exchange with Robert Wade, dated Jan. 1, 1677, recorded in Book of Deeds, Vol. 1, page 459).

It is approximately located but not exactly "bounded" in a list of Samuel Griswold's property, entered apparently on Dec. 8, 1702, as follows:

Book of Grants

page 194 - 5th item.

Sixteen acres & one-half of pasture land more or less, lying in the crotch of Hammer Brook, abutting
Northerly - on the home lot of Robert Wade which
was formerly Caleb Abell's 32.00 rods

Easterly - on the home lot of Nehemiah Smith
& Commons 64.00 rods

CALEB ABELL (continued)

Southwesterly - on the home lot of Thomas Howard	56.00 rods
Westerly - on the highway	52.00 rods

"which was his father's (Francis Griswold) pasture lot".

The above is all that seems available at present (Jan., 1920) in regard to CALEB ABELL'S original home lot.

Next comes the following record

Book of Deeds, Vol. 1, page 459

A.D. 1677, Jan. 1

Robert Wade of Norwich, Conn., with ~~and~~ consent of his wife Susanna Wade, by way of exchange, conveyed to Caleb Abell of Norwich, "my home lot & orchard, with all such buildings & fences as do thereunto belong, with the double tanfatt (tanvat) which was used for the Lymes" (possibly meaning used at the settlement of Lyme, Conn., on the east side of Connecticut river, opposite to Saybrook, Conn., whence came the original settlers of Norwich). and the single fatt (vat) next unto it & the pond as it is now done, with the sluices & flowess (?) belonging to it". Also a piece of land across the river from the home lot.

The above was exchanged for "the home lot of Caleb Abell, of six acres, with the dwelling house now standing upon it, the well, orchard as it is now planted &c" and Margaret Abell, wife of Caleb, consents.

Deed acknowledged same day, Jan. 1, 1677

About 15 years later we have the following ~~subsequent~~ record

Book of Grants

page 212

Lands of Caleb Abell

Entered Jan., 1692

His home lot, seven acres more or less, abutting

Northeasterly - on the Town street	16.00 rods
Southerly - on the home lot of John Birchard	74.00 rods
- on the River	18.00 rods
Northwesterly - on the home lot of Morgan Bowers	72.00 rods

Also a parcel of land over the river

Laid out November, 1659

Purchased of Robert Wade as by deed appears (viz. that exchange in 1677)

Entered Jan., 1692

MORGAN BOWERS

There appears to be no record of his original home lot as such; but we find what it was from the following

Book of Deeds, Vol. 2A

page 255

A.D. 1696 - April 15

Morgan Bowers of Norwich, Conn., with consent of his wife Sarah, sold to Caleb Abell of Norwich,

"my home lot in the Town of Norwich, containing about nine acres of meadow, upland & pasture for £ 60.9.0 abutting"

Easterly end - on the Town street (estimated) (21.00) rods

Southeasterly side - on the home lot of said

Caleb Abell

Southerly end - on the River (estimated) (21.00) rods

Northwesterly side - on the home lot of John

Gadger

JOHN GADGER (or Gager)

Book of Grants

page 306

His home lot, eleven & one-half acres more or less, of upland, meadow & waste land, abutting

Northeastwardly - on the Town street 27.00 rods

East and } - on land of Morgan Bowers 70.00 rods

Southwardly }
Southwesterly - on the River (20 rods & 6 feet) 20.40 rods

West and } - on land of Thomas Post
Northwesterly } "being a Bowing line, six feet" 77.00 rods

Laid out November, 1659

This with two other parcels entered Jan., 1699-1700

THOMAS POST

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pp. 7 & 8

Hannah Post - the one-half of the home lot, containing six acres, which was her father Thomas Post's, abutting

- on the Town street

10 rods & 4 feet 10.25 rods

Easterly - on land of John Gager, it being a crooked (Bowing) line six feet 76.00 rods

Southerly - on the River 15.50 rods

Westerly - on land of Richard Edgerton 74.00 rods

"The burying place is excepted & a way to it".

"The one-half - the rest belongs to her & the other half to her

"sister Mary". (A second parcel lay "over the river against the

"home lot" - one-half to Hannah & the other half to Mary Post, her sister)

THOMAS POST (continued)

Delivered & ordered to be recorded by her mother Mrs. Rebecca Post, administratrix to the estate of her father Thomas Post.

Laid out November, 1659

Entered April 7, 1711

Note - The first burying place was in this lot.

RICHARD EDGERTON

Book of Grants
page 268

His home lot, six acres more or less, abutting
Northeast - on the highway, 12 rods & 12 feet 12.75 rods
Southeast - on land of Thomas Post
Southwest - on the River, 10 rods & 10 feet 10.67 rods
Northwest - on land of (Ensign) William Backus (Jr.)

Laid out November, 1659

Ensign WILLIAM BACKUS, Jr.

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page 220

His home lot, six acres more or less, abutting
Easterly - on the Town street
11 rods & 2 feet 11.10 rods
- on the home lot of Richard Edgerton,
to the River 81.00 rods
Southerly & } - on the River, 12 rods & 4 feet 12.25 rods
Westerly }
West and } - on the home lot of Hugh Calkin 80.00 rods
Northerly }

Laid out "April", 1659 - (This must be a mistake for November, 1659;
because the Deed of Norwich Purchase was not dated until June 6,
1659)

Entered July 2, 1697

HUGH CALKIN

Book of Grants
page 261

His home lot, six acres more or less, abutting
5th item Northerly - on the Town street 13.00 rods
Easterly & } - on land of Ensign William Backus 82.00 rods
Southerly }
Southwardly - on the River 8.00 rods
Northwesterly - on land of John Calkin 81.00 rods

Laid out November, 1659

The Connecticut Quarterly, Vol. 3 (year 1897), pp. 298 & 441, article by
Burrell W. Hyde, says

"Deacon Hugh Calkin's home lot was next east of his son
"John Calkin".

JOHN CALKIN (he had a son John)

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page 233

His home lot, four & three-quarter acres more or less,
abutting

Easterly - on the Town street	10.50 rods
Southerly - on the home lot of Hugh Calkin	65.00 rods
Westerly - on a highway	4.00 rods
Northwest } - on the highway, "a crooked line"	73.00 rods
& North }	

Laid out November, 1659

Entered Feb. 9, 1693/4

The Conn. Quarterly (as above) says

"John Calkin's home lot was on the corner of West Town street
and Quarter Lane (Wauwecus Hill road)".

FRANCIS GRISWOLD (his son was Samuel)

Book of Grants

page 194

His home lot, seven & one-quarter acres more or less,
abutting

Northerly - on the Town street	23.75 rods
Easterly - on the highway	60.00 rods
Southwesterly - on the River	20.50 rods
Westerly - on the land of Robert Allyn	51.00 rods

The entry was made Jan. __, 1692, under heading of

Samuel Griswold, with the following remarks

"which was his father's home lot, laid out November, 1659"

The Conn. Quarterly (as above) says

"the ancestral Griswold homestead was on the west side of
"Wauwecus Hill road, now called Quarter Lane".

Norwich Town, Conn.

From Meeting House Plain toward "Bean Hill" (Westville)

Survey notes of Wm. Lester, Jr. for his map of

1833

Magnetic Declination - $6^{\circ} 27'$ West

(courtesy of Chas. E. Chandler, Esq.)

Hartford TurnpikeBegin on bank of Yantic River at
Lathrop's bridgeN. $15^{\circ} 00'$ E. - 36 rods to south apex
of the GreenN. $48^{\circ} 20'$ W. - 18.52 rods to Dr. Strong's
meeting house & Union hotelS. $74^{\circ} 20'$ W. - 32.20 rodsN. $62^{\circ} 00'$ W. - 25.40 rodsN. $86^{\circ} 45'$ W. - 20.00 rodsN. $42^{\circ} 00'$ W. - 13.60 rodsN. $11^{\circ} 45'$ W. - 25.20 rodsN. $46^{\circ} 00'$ W. - 68 rods to Hammer Br.

106 rods to end of course

N. $26^{\circ} 45'$ W. - 40.00 rods to road to
Quarter bridge & Wauwecus HillS. $36^{\circ} 00'$ W. - 93.80 rodsS. $42^{\circ} 30'$ W. - 73.80 rods to Quarter
Bridge (Yantic River)108.00 rods to end of
courseS. $49^{\circ} 15'$ W. - 28.00 rods to roadCourses eastward fromDr. Strong's meeting houseN. $57^{\circ} 15'$ E. - 50.80 rods to schoolS. $81^{\circ} 20'$ E. - 58.40 rods to brookN. $87^{\circ} 25'$ E. - 22.20 rods to Scotland
roadN. $66^{\circ} 45'$ E. - 18.00 rods to road to &
over "Ox Hill"Course of Yantic RiverBegin at river bank (Lathrop's bridge)
as beforeNote - there is another Lathrop's bridge
on the east side of NorwichN. $87^{\circ} 45'$ W. - 81.80 rodsN. $69^{\circ} 40'$ W. - 53.28 rods to Hammer Br.N. $58^{\circ} 30'$ W. - 15.40 rodsN. $31^{\circ} 05'$ W. - 29.00 rodsN. $47^{\circ} 15'$ W. - 29.76 rodsN. $71^{\circ} 15'$ W. - 20.00 rodsN. $59^{\circ} 30'$ W. - 28.00 rodsN. $15^{\circ} 30'$ W. - 21.68 rodsN. $17^{\circ} 20'$ W. - 16.00 to Quarter BridgeRoad to Norwich

from South apex of the Green

S. $42^{\circ} 40'$ E. - 44.60 rodsS. $50^{\circ} 45'$ E. - 14.00 rods to brookRoad to ScotlandBegin at intersection of Norwich &
Woodstock turnpikes, near Avery's old
store.N. $2^{\circ} 00'$ E. - 35.60 rodsN. $61^{\circ} 15'$ W. - 14.00 rodsN. $14^{\circ} 30'$ E. - 24.00 rodsRoad commencing at Townsend's store, 30 rods northeasterly from Dr.

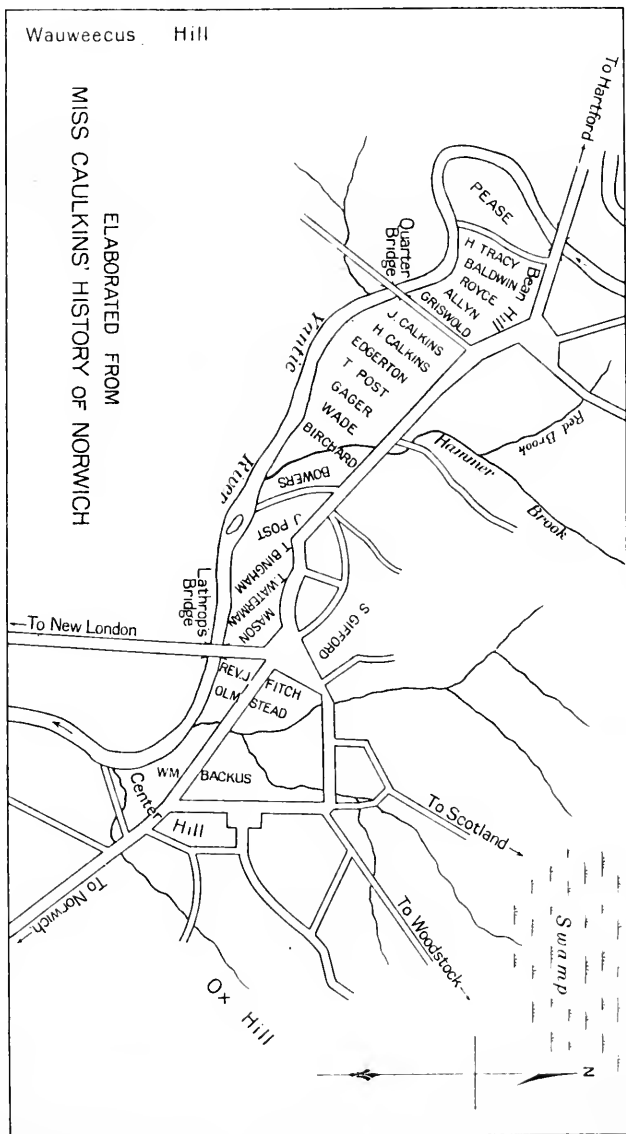
Strong's meeting house & terminating in the Scotland road.

(1) N. $8^{\circ} 45'$ E. - 17.20 rods(2) N. $41^{\circ} 00'$ E. - 15.60 rods(3) N. $28^{\circ} 40'$ E. - 22.00 rods

Comparison of Distances

From Mason's East Line	Home lot fronts as recorded	Lester's Notes
<u>ALONG The RIVER</u>	Mason - (est.) (34.00) rods	81.80 rods
	T. Waterman 32.00 rods	
	T. Bingham 16.00 rods	53.28 rods
	J. Post 17.00 rods	
	J. Birchard 14.00 rods	
To "Hammer Brook"		113.00 135.08
	Wade-Abell 18.00 rods	15.40 rods
	M. Bowers (est.) (21.00)	29.00 rods
	J. Gager 20.00 rods	29.76 rods
	T. Post 15.50 rods	20.00 rods
	R. Edgerton 10.00 rods	28.00 rods
	Wm. Backus, Jr. 12.90 rods	21.68 rods
	H. Calkin 8.00 rods	16.00 rods
To "Quarter Bridge"		217.50 rods 294.92 rods diff. -77.42
<u>ALONG TOWN STREET</u>	Mason - (est.) (18.52) rods	18.52 rods
	Mason - (est.) (32.20) rods	32.20 rods
	T. Waterman 36.00 rods	25.40 rods
	T. Bingham 15.00 rods	20.00 rods
	J. Post 21.00 rods	13.60 rods
	J. Birchard 16.75 rods	25.20 rods
	Wade-Abell 16.00 rods	68.00 rods
To "Hammer Brook."		155.47 rods 202.92
	M. Bowers (est.) (21.00) rods	38.00 rods
	J. Gager 27.00 rods	
	T. Post 10.00 rods	
	R. Edgerton 12.00 rods	40.00 rods
	Wm. Backus, Jr. 11.00 rods	
	H. Calkin 13.00 rods	
To "Quarter Lane"		J. Calkin 10.50 rods 259.97 rods 280.92 rods diff. -20.95

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 SOME PROPRIETORS' ORIGINAL HOME LOTS

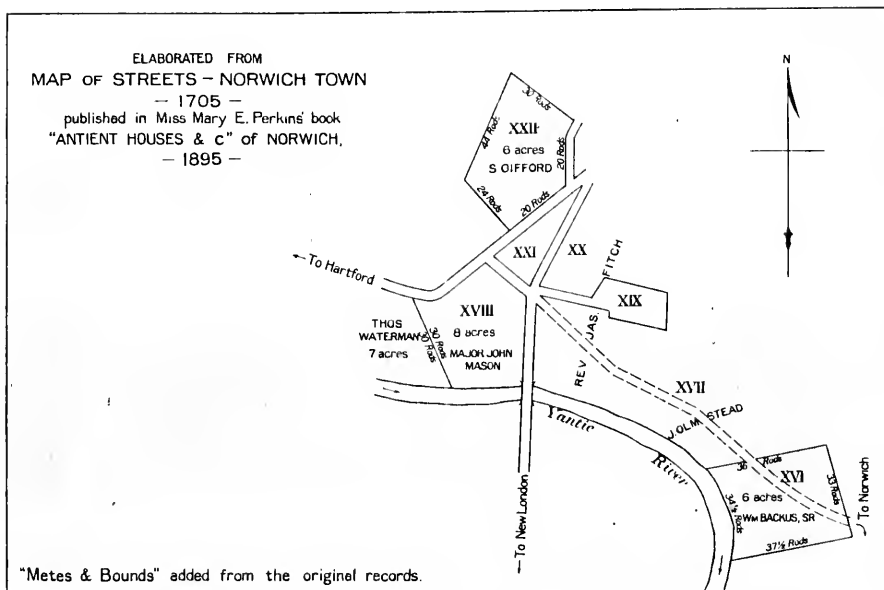


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— NOTES —

Bowers is not correctly located on above sketch. He should be between Wade and Gager. Also, Ensign Wm Backus, Jr. is missing. He should be between H. Calkins and Edgerton.

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XVI—William Backus, first home lot, 1659 — then to his son Stephen —
 In 1705 occupied by Ensign Thomas Leffingwell.

XVII—Rev. James Fitch, part of home lot, 1659 —
 In 1705 occupied by John Waterman.

XVIII—Major John Mason, home lot, 1659.

XIX—Rev. James Fitch, part of home lot, 1659 —
 In 1699 set off for burying ground.

XX—Rev. James Fitch, part of home lot, 1659 — later to his son.

XXI—Meeting House Plain —
 In 1705 old meeting house still standing.

XXII—Stephen Gifford, home lot, 1659 — later parsonage land.

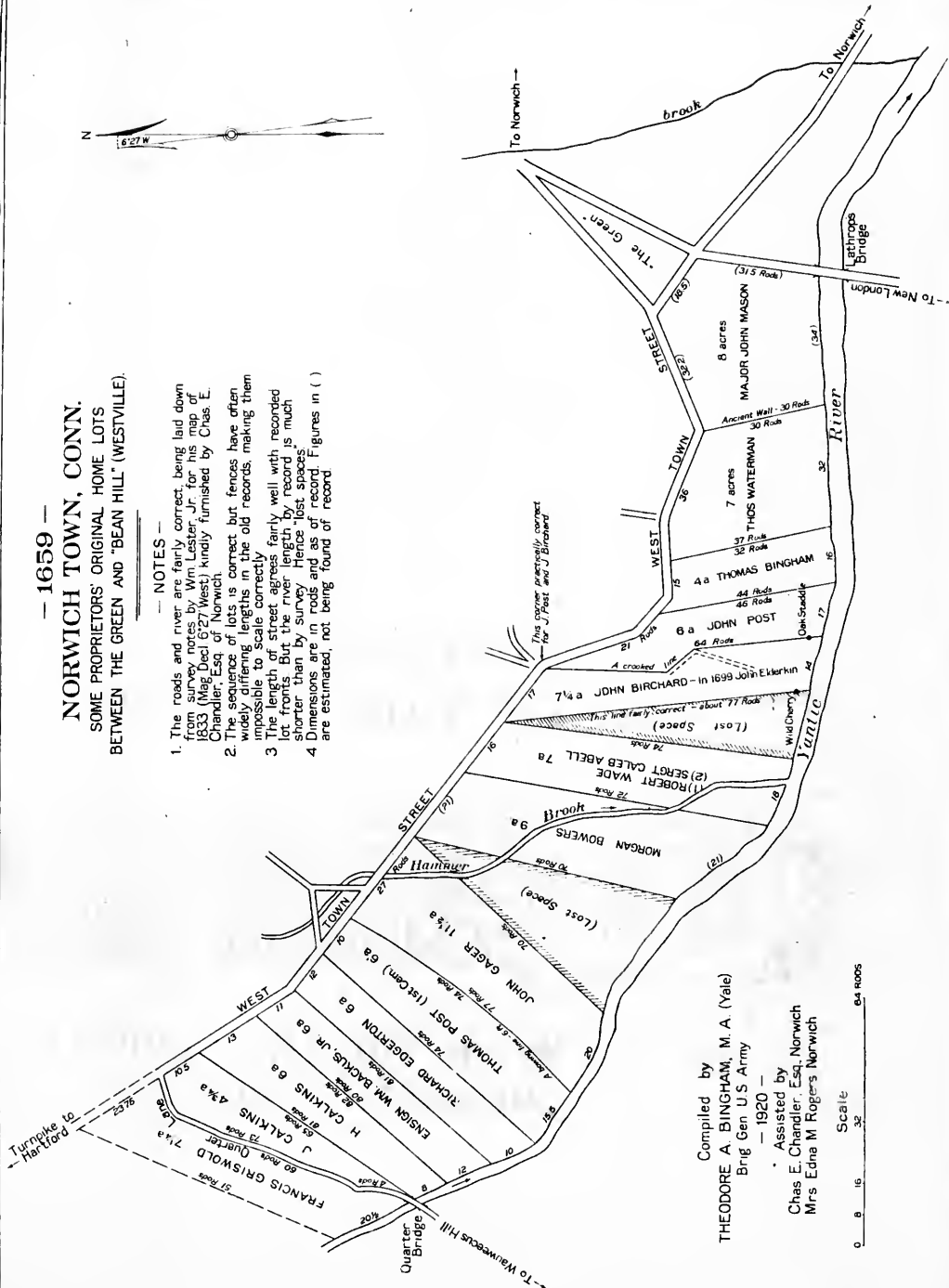
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SOME PROPRIETORS' ORIGINAL HOME LOTS
BETWEEN THE GREEN AND "BEAN HILL" (WESTVILLE).

NOTES —

1. The roads and river are fairly correct, being laid down from survey notes by Wm. Lester, Jr. for his map of 1833 (Mag. Dec. 6/27 West) kindly furnished by Chas. E. Chandler, Esq. of Norwich.
2. The sequence of lots is correct but fences have often widely differing lengths in the old records, making them impossible to scale correctly.
3. The length of street agrees fairly well with recorded length but the river is shorter than by survey. The record is much shorter than by survey. The "lost" spaces are in () Dimensions are in rods and as of record. Figures in () are estimated, not being found of record.



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